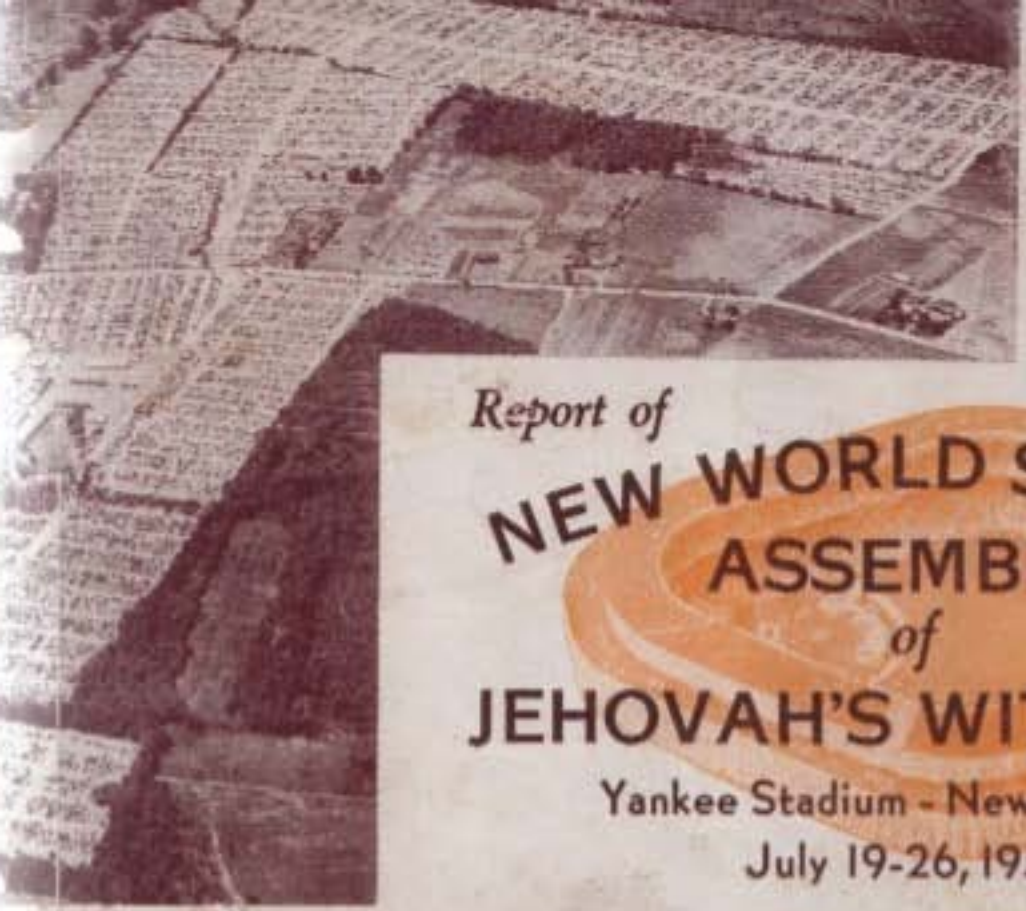

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KNORR RELEASES NEW BOOK!

70 Bible Themes in *"Make Sure of All Things"*

The Watchtower Society's new book *"Make Sure of All Things"*, 416 pages, was released Monday afternoon at Yankee Stadium to thunderous applause by the 125,040 there and in overflow tents and at Trailer City. Striking a resounding chord as the keynote of the New World Society Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses, President Knorr's presentation of a Resolution was enthusiastically received by 125,040, who made the stadium grounds and Trailer City reverberate as they shouted "Aye" to the motion for its adoption. It sets forth the stand of Jehovah's witnesses and outlines the work ahead of them.

This "double feature" release and resolution, both presented at the conclusion of the talk, fittingly went together. Why? Because, as the speaker stated, the New World society is founded on God's Word, and *"Make Sure of All Things"* is a book letting God himself speak directly through his Word.

Mr. Knorr explained that years of work had been expended in preparing the book. It is different in that it arranges under 70 main themes and many subheadings a great array of scriptures pointedly answering the hosts of questions that are arising this very day. It helps to push back the tide of atheism, agnosticism and false religious opposition to Kingdom truth by the irresistible force and logic of the Bible itself.

The expectant air of the tremendous audience was heightened by the very first sentence of Mr. Knorr's keynote talk on

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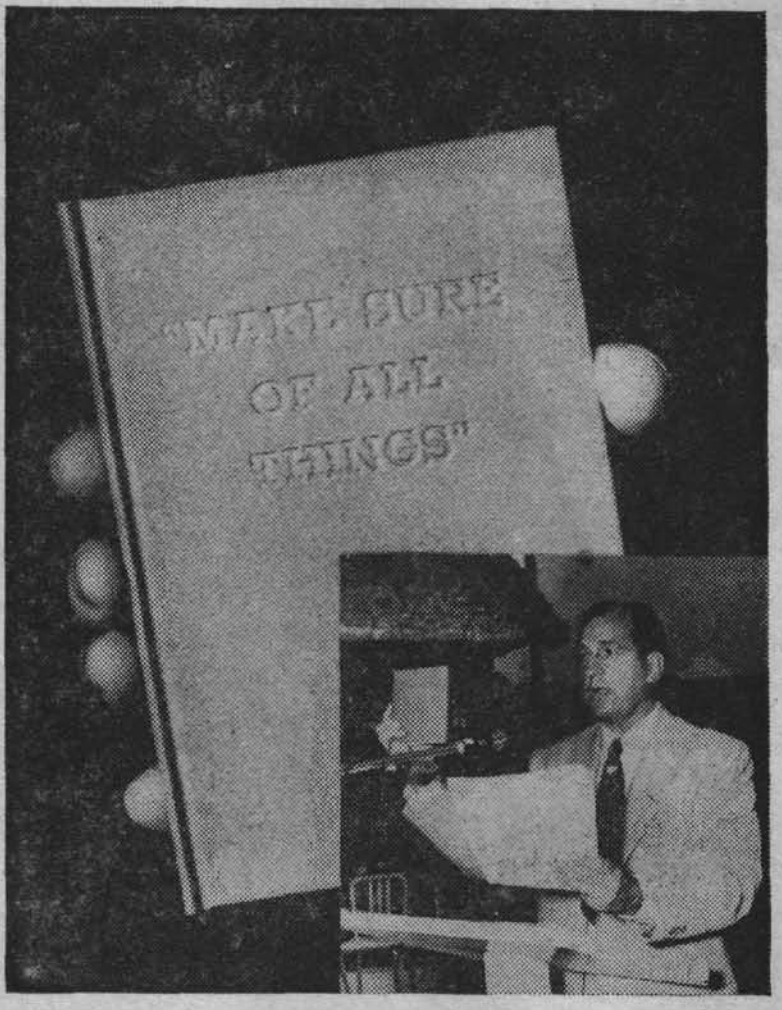


"Make Sure of All Things" extended to conventioners. Inset shows Knorr releasing it.
Made in U. S. A.

New Book! (*Cont'd*)

"Living Now as a New World Society." The stirring words, "When the big guns of World War I thunderously began belching fire and smoke in the summer of 1914, a new-world society was due to be born!" gave promise of something special. Continuing, he pointed out that not to worldly slogans, schemes or propaganda, but solely to Jehovah God must go the credit for producing this new-world society. Although their enemies thought they had written *finis* to Jehovah's servants by means of the fiery persecution during World War I, nevertheless, they clung to Jehovah and he, by the power of his spirit, freed them from the fear of men and from men's organizations.

The New World society now consists of hundreds of thousands. Its existence is not dependent upon any political charter of any one nation, for it is a world-wide society; it has used the Watch Tower Society until now, but it will continue even though the governments of this world may dissolve the charter of that Society, yes, even into the new world long past Armageddon, when Jehovah will dissolve such governments.

The kingdom of the heavens established in 1914 may be unreal to worldly politicians, but to us it is more real than the U. N. with its visible structures. Its actuality is shown in that it has subjects that submit to its power, and its reality and power are impressed upon us by the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

The New World society has its own language, the theocratic Kingdom truth. To continue in the New World society we must speak the truth. That means getting rid of old-world lies and the practice of speaking falsehoods for any selfish reason. It also means getting rid of false religious teachings and publishing the truth of God's Word to those outside the New World society, that others who are hungry for truth and righteousness may get filled and be set free. Doing this "the New World society will indeed get known as an organization of truth."

The resolution appears in full in a separate article of this report. Knorr's talk will appear in full in a future issue of *The Watchtower*.

North America Reports to Assembly

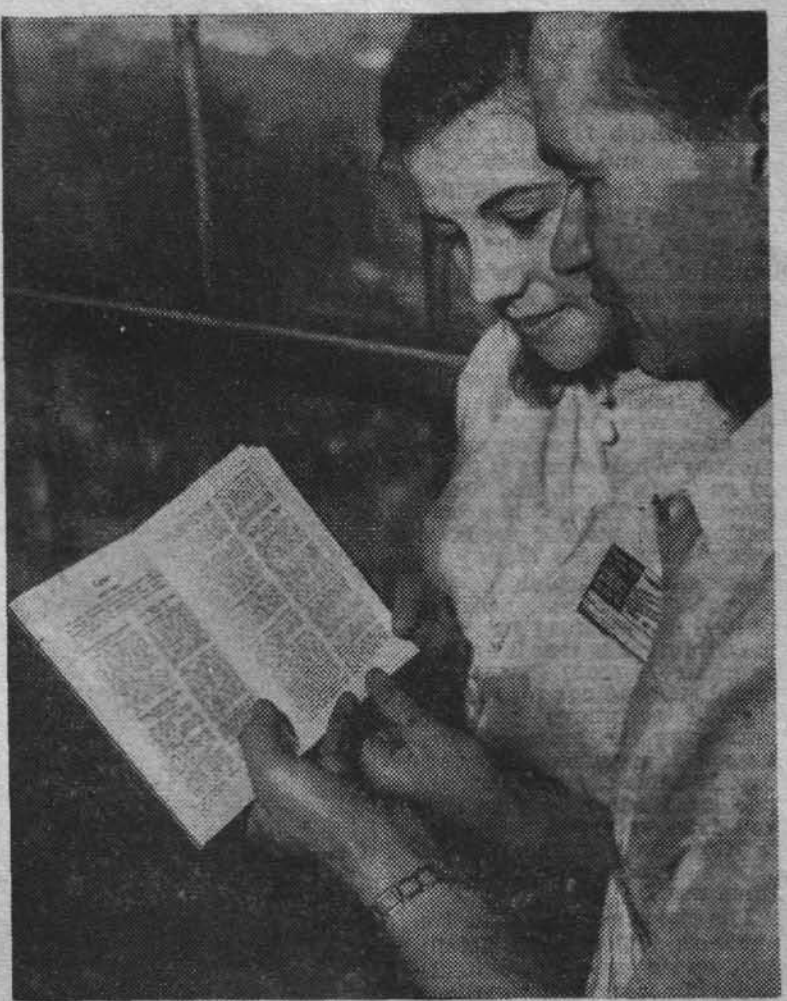
Preliminary to the president's discourse, the Monday afternoon conventioners were delighted by reports from 18 representatives, missionaries and branch servants from 12 lands of North America. The conventioners thrilled to see the sign on the playing field telling of North America's 1953 publisher peak—193,568, an increase of 24,819 over 1952.

E. C. Ihrig from British Honduras told the assembly that their big problem was to awaken the brothers to the importance of attending circuit assemblies and congregational meetings. "In El Salvador," said C. J. Beedle, "the main problem was how to find time to study." They said that both problems were being solved.

Newfoundland found that its progress was due to careful planning of meetings, both by servants and publishers participating, M. F. Latyn said.

G. D. Papadem next stimulated the assembly with news of the wonderful progress in Panama. In 1945 the first missionaries were sent to Panama. Then there were 43 publishers. Now 668 active ministers preach in Panama.

Nicaragua's representative,



Examining "Make Sure of All Things"

D. R. Munsterman, explained how progress has been effected by the country's Supreme Court lifting a ban on the work.

Only one Kingdom publisher was active in Guatemala in 1945, said branch servant W. R. Kennedy. Now, eight years later, there are 340 publishers. The zeal displayed by Guatemala's publishers is well exemplified by the sister who put a mortgage on everything she had to come to this assembly!

"In 1914," said W. E. Call of Costa Rica, "there were a few active publishers; in 1944 the figure reached 155. In 1951 the peak figure zoomed to 1,825 publishers!"

Canadian branch servant Percy Chapman summarized "Reasons for North American Progress": (1) a careful organizing of the work, (2) all the congregations obediently following out the instructions, and (3) the brothers constantly fighting opposition even to the highest courts. At the conclusion of his talk the booklet *Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?* was released in the Ukrainian language—a great boon for Canada, for many people in that land speak Ukrainian.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

In leading the assembly on to still another surprise for Monday afternoon President Knorr proceeded to say:

What an opportunity this unparalleled occasion affords as we brothers are met together in international assembly with tens of thousands of representatives from the four quarters of the earth! To crystallize our realization of ourselves as one united New World society and to go on record before God and his kingdom and our absent brothers and all mankind, I move the adoption of the following

RESOLUTION

"THE scene of this world is changing." (1 Corinthians 7: 31, *New World Translation*) These inspired words, written nineteen centuries ago, cannot be challenged today, either by the lowly common man or by mighty world powers and ruling factors. Since the year 1914 the world has passed through strange and startling events, and their climax has not yet been reached. Everywhere men and nations are in a state of growing distress and perplexity, and confessedly they do not know what the final shape of things will be and whether it will be for human weal or for human woe.

The same Word that foretold the complete changing of the world scene foretold also the new scene that was to come to the view of mankind, a righteous new world of endless life amid an unbroken peace and prosperity. It is the infallible word of the Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth, that gives men this heartening good news written over his own name: "that they may know that thou alone, whose name is Jehovah, art the

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Happy conventioners display prized copies of new book

Resolution (*Cont'd*)

Most High over all the earth." (Psalm 83: 18, *American Standard Version*) In his wisdom and foresight he has in every case prepared his faithful worshipers for the destiny-making changes ahead; for instance, Noah and his household, who were warned and prepared to survive the global inundation with which the entire world of that day passed off the scene. True to his loving-kindness, and in view of the passing of the present old world off the scene shortly in a trouble the like of which has never yet been, the Most High God, Jehovah, has prepared a New World society and given it the Scriptural hope of surviving into that righteous new world that he has promised. Its members he has made his witnesses, to uphold and proclaim his rightful sovereignty over heaven and earth, to sound the final warning of the coming violent change of the world scene, and to recommend his Messianic kingdom as the one and only hope for a race that the Devil is driving to destruction.

THEREFORE we, as witnesses of Jehovah and as members of his New World society, gathered in our scores of thousands from scores of lands in international assembly here at Yankee Stadium, New York city, N.Y., this 20th day of July, 1953, seize this as a most fitting occasion to adopt the following resolution:

THAT in all the nations represented by us we unitedly continue to declare to the peoples that in the year 1914 the Supreme Judge of men and nations brought to an end his "appointed times of the nations" for uninterrupted world domination. At the same time, to replace this long experiment of imperfect men at self-government on earth with all the sad consequences of failure, the Supreme Authority brought forth the kingdom of his anointed Son Jesus Christ. This is therefore the only government with right and authority to continue to rule all the earth and its inhabitants. It alone now has the backing of the Most High God, Jehovah, and is empowered to fulfill toward afflicted mankind all the prophecies of his inspired Word by removing from them the oppressive superhuman rule of Satan the Devil, "the god of this system of things," and his demons, and by exercising a righteous heavenly rule for the blessing of obedient men of good will with perfect human life and all its needs for happiness in a paradise earth.

THAT we publicly acknowledge our debt to Jehovah for the vision and hope he has given us of his promised new world of righteousness. Gratefully and humbly we confess before all mankind what he has done for us as Christians who are wholly dedicated to him and his will and purpose. He has taken us out of this old world and made us his people, reserved for his new world. He has made us a New World society by his dealings with us according to his precious promises. This New World society thus derives its origin from no human source and it is dependent upon no earthly political states, applying to none of them for its incorporation as a body and for the chartering of its existence and activities. Although it is no part of this present distressed system of things but is preparing for life and service in the divine system of things to come, yet this New World society disavows all subversive movements against the institutions of this world. It cannot promote, approve or take part in any violent overthrow by men of governments of this world. It subjects itself under the mighty hand of Jehovah God and waits upon him to bring in his new world in his own way by the heavenly kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ.

THAT, as a New World society, we hold fast to the indissoluble ties that bind us. We are one people, without distinction according to race, color, language, tribe or nation. We have the one living and true God, Jehovah. We have one common Monarch under God, his Son and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We have a law common to us all no matter where we live, Jehovah's theocratic law set forth in the Holy Bible. We have been taken out of the nations and divided off from the doomed world. We have the one country to which we are unitedly moving, the new world of God's creating. We are one family of brothers under God's one provision for salvation through Jesus Christ. In accord with these facts, we will live in peace and harmony with one another and, as far as within us lies, be at peace with all men everywhere, till the actual new world enters.

And finally,

THAT we continue to measure up to the responsibility that the divine statement lays upon us: "Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and I am God." (Isaiah 43: 12, *American Standard Version*) We count it a high honor and favor to be made Jehovah's witnesses, and never want to prove finally unworthy of it. Hence, despite the hatred, the reproach and the persecution that men without understanding may heap upon us, we will press forward, true to our divine commission, bearing witness to Jehovah's universal sovereignty and his holy name, preaching in all the inhabited earth the good news of the established kingdom of his anointed Son Jesus Christ, and comforting all who mourn. This we will do by giving Bible education to all peoples publicly and from house to house, by all the means available, that all who will may take their stand on the side of the Kingdom and become a part with us of the New World society under Christ and share its hope and attainment of life eternal in Jehovah's righteous new world.

The motion in favor of adopting the above Resolution was seconded by Percy Chapman, the chairman of the New World Society Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. The question now being put, the Resolution was adopted by a roar of acclamation and with sustained applause, by the assembly. This *Report*, containing the Resolution in full statement, was distributed by the conventioners throughout New York city and its environs.

Gilead Graduates 127 Missionaries

126,387 Attend Spectacular Gilead Graduation

August 1 Watchtower Released, New Feature

Missionaries Assigned to 44 Lands

The assembly's Sunday afternoon program featured the graduation of the 21st class of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead of South Lansing, New York. What a festive graduation it turned out to be! Not only were there in attendance 126,387 from all parts of the earth, but there were also gathered 945 alumni graduates of 20 previous Gilead classes. N. H. Knorr, president of the school, delivered a most fitting graduation address entitled "Gathering Men of All Nations into One Flock." Diplomas and gifts were awarded to 127 graduates, 66 of whom were males and 61 females, from 28 countries.

Promptly at 1:30 p.m. the graduation event opened before a packed house at Yankee Stadium, and filling many of the overflow places. The sky was clear and the sun was bright, with a cooling breeze to accompany a most colorful and spiritually stimulating graduation. Members of the faculty, U. V. Glass, D. H. Burt, E. A. Dunlap, M. G. Friend and A. D. Schroeder, delivered farewell talks to the graduates.

Apt illustrations and Biblical counsel were employed to encourage faithfulness on the part of the missionaries as they entered new fields of expansion, taking to the people the pure language of the truth. J. F. Markus, the farm servant at Kingdom Farm, also spoke, encouraging the missionaries to always dwell together as harmonious family units in their missionary home assignments.

The vice-president of the school, Mr. F. W. Franz, next spoke to encourage the graduates to be ever watchful in all things and to fully accomplish their ministry. He showed how love should be exercised by the missionaries and demonstrated to others, because "love cannot stand alone," as First Corinthians 13 shows.

The principal graduation address, delivered by N. H. Knorr, brought round after round of applause from the vast throngs of assembled ministers. In discussing the great shepherding work now being done among the nations he showed it was not hard to identify the false shepherds, the religious clergy who were fleecing the flock. He said,

Knorr addressing the graduates

"These religious and political shepherds have sheared and fleeced their own claimed flocks and fattened themselves at their expense and driven them in ways ending in death and destruction." He then proceeded to make a detailed study of the pastoral work being done by the Great Shepherd, Jehovah God, as aptly described in Ezekiel 34.

A brief history of the establishment of Gilead was next given, showing how the School was born in 1943, that Gilead means "heap of witness," and that the graduates from this school have been sent to more than 100 lands in the earth. During the past ten years of Gilead's operation the pastoral

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The platform during graduation, showing class seated around it

Gilead Graduates (*Cont'd*)

work of the Society has experienced a tremendous increase. Mr. Knorr went on to show that the enemy is manifesting chagrin and opposition to the pastoral work, even falsely accusing Jehovah's witnesses of political activity. He vehemently denied such vicious charges and said, "Jehovah's witnesses are no politico-religious movement; they do not combine politics and religion; rather they wash their hands absolutely clean of this world's politics, known for what it is."

In the midst of his principal address a spectacular demonstration occurred. Mr. Knorr called for the rising of Gilead graduates present from the first class in the reserved sections in front of the platform. They arose displaying a sign identifying the class. Then classes two through twenty did the same. In all, 945 returning missionaries were introduced as having fought a valiant fight abroad. He said that the majority of them have return tickets to go back to foreign assignments as pastoral workers.

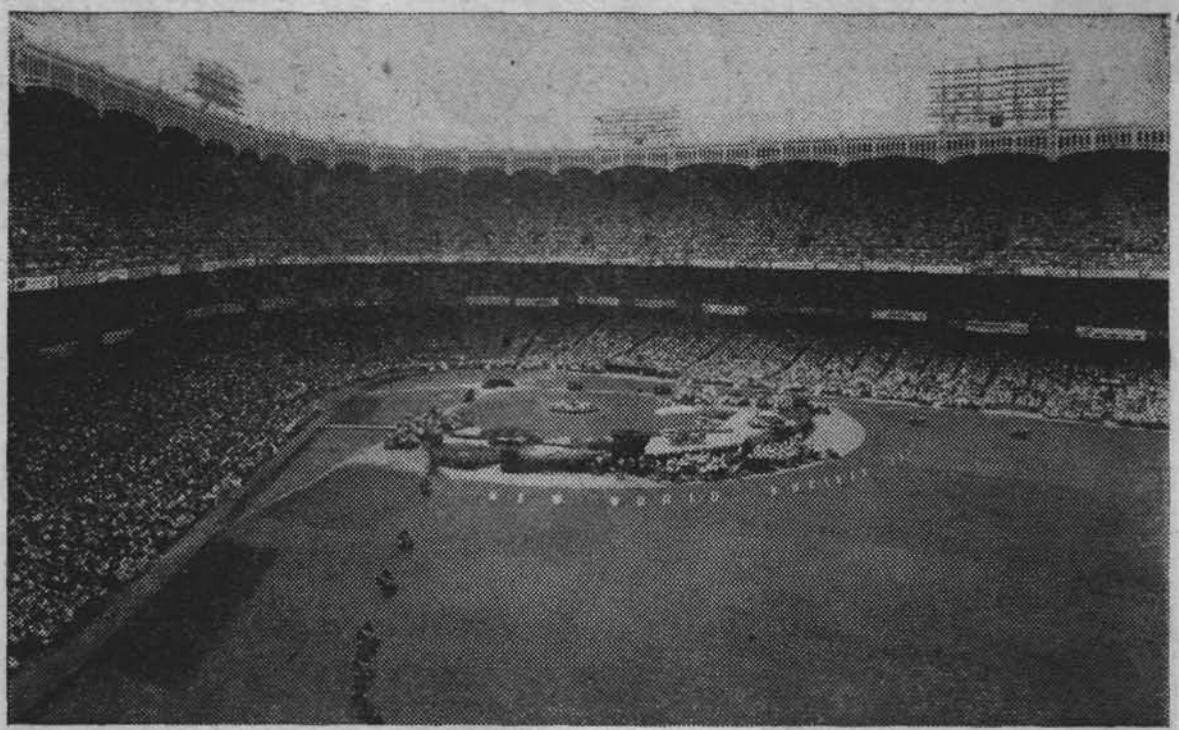
Then to the surprise of the entire audience he introduced the prospective 22nd class of non-American students called to enroll in the school on September 2, 1953. Great demonstrations of appreciation resounded from the vast audience in course of the afternoon's activities.

Finally the climactic part of the graduation came as the president passed out the diplomas and gifts being awarded to the 127 graduates. Each was then told the breath-taking news as to where he was being assigned abroad. The graduates were assigned to be scattered to 44 different lands throughout the earth.

A resolution was presented on behalf of the student body by graduate H. Lattau, expressing great gratitude to Jehovah God and the Watchtower Society for having been granted the opportunity to be trained for five months at the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead. They also resolved that we will "keep our faces forward in full faith as we and all our fellow witnesses anticipate with complete assurance our early deliverance from this modern Babylon reserved for destruction and our emergence therefrom to an everlasting new world of happiness, all to the honor and vindication of the Universal Sovereign, Jehovah God."

Before dismissing the assembly for the afternoon, N. H. Knorr released to the audience the August 1 issue of the *Watchtower* magazine, which contained the full text of the graduation address. He pointed out the interesting new "Check Your Memory" feature in the back. He also brought to our attention the new procedure for congregational study of *The Watchtower*. The audience rejoiced to attend a Gilead graduation and witness for themselves the moving event. They joined with their brothers in wishing the graduates success in their future ministry and recognized that as pastoral workers each Kingdom publisher has much he can do in his own territory to help gather Jehovah's other sheep.

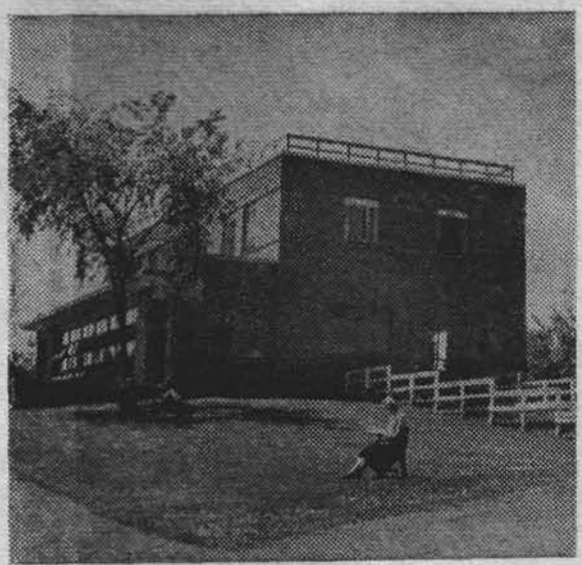
With a song and prayer the afternoon session was concluded shortly after 4:30 and all left the session greatly refreshed.



Part of the 126,387 conventioners that heard the graduation exercises of the 21st class of Gilead

GILEAD AND ITS PURPOSE

"There are many places where the witness concerning the Kingdom has not been given to a great extent." How different those words sound from the reports of amazing increase being given at this assembly, yet the Watch Tower's president uttered them less than eleven years ago! "There must be hundreds and thousands more that could be reached," he said, "if there were more laborers in the field. By the Lord's grace there will be more."



Students make good use of the more than 9,000 volumes in the library (above) and also participate with the local congregation in house-to-house ministry (below).

The occasion for those remarks was the opening of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead's first class, February 1, 1943. Since that date it has provided well-trained and faithful missionaries for the field, which is the world. Shortly before it opened there were 106,000 Kingdom publishers throughout the world. Now there are more than *four times* that number! Gilead has had a great part in this marvelous expansion.

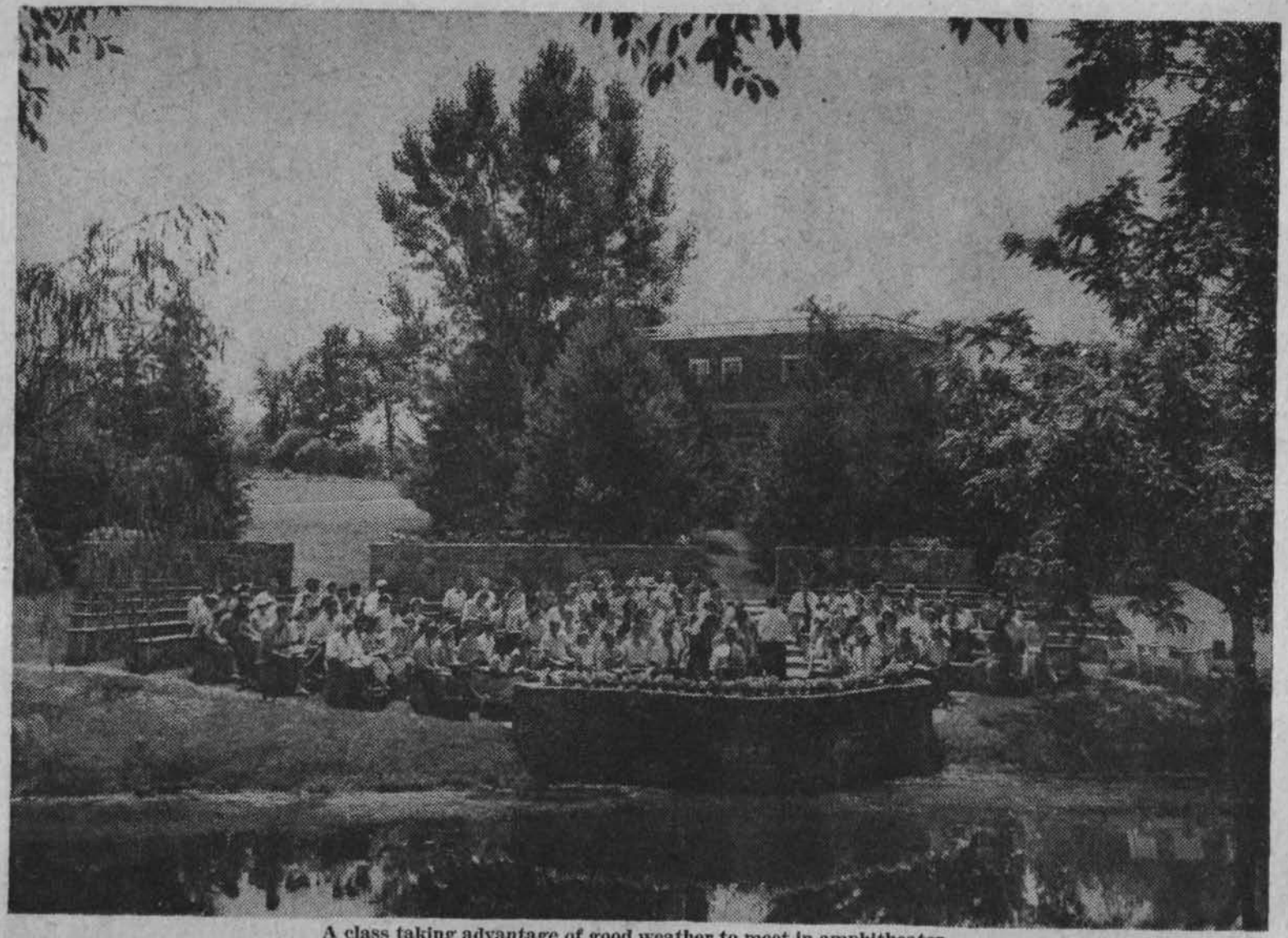
The school is located near South Lansing in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York state. Construction was begun on the three-story main building in 1940. The attractive and highly specialized library was completed in 1947. Its collection of Bible literature is rarely surpassed. Repeated landscaping continually adds to the beauty of the rolling green campus, and many a visitor has marveled at such a peaceful new-world oasis in this trouble-ridden old world.

Each February and September a new class of about 115 students is brought in. They have come from 45 different nations, and have been sent out as missionaries to more than 100 lands. The four instructors have the interests of the preaching at heart, and give the eager students much time and attention. Each specializes in a different subject.

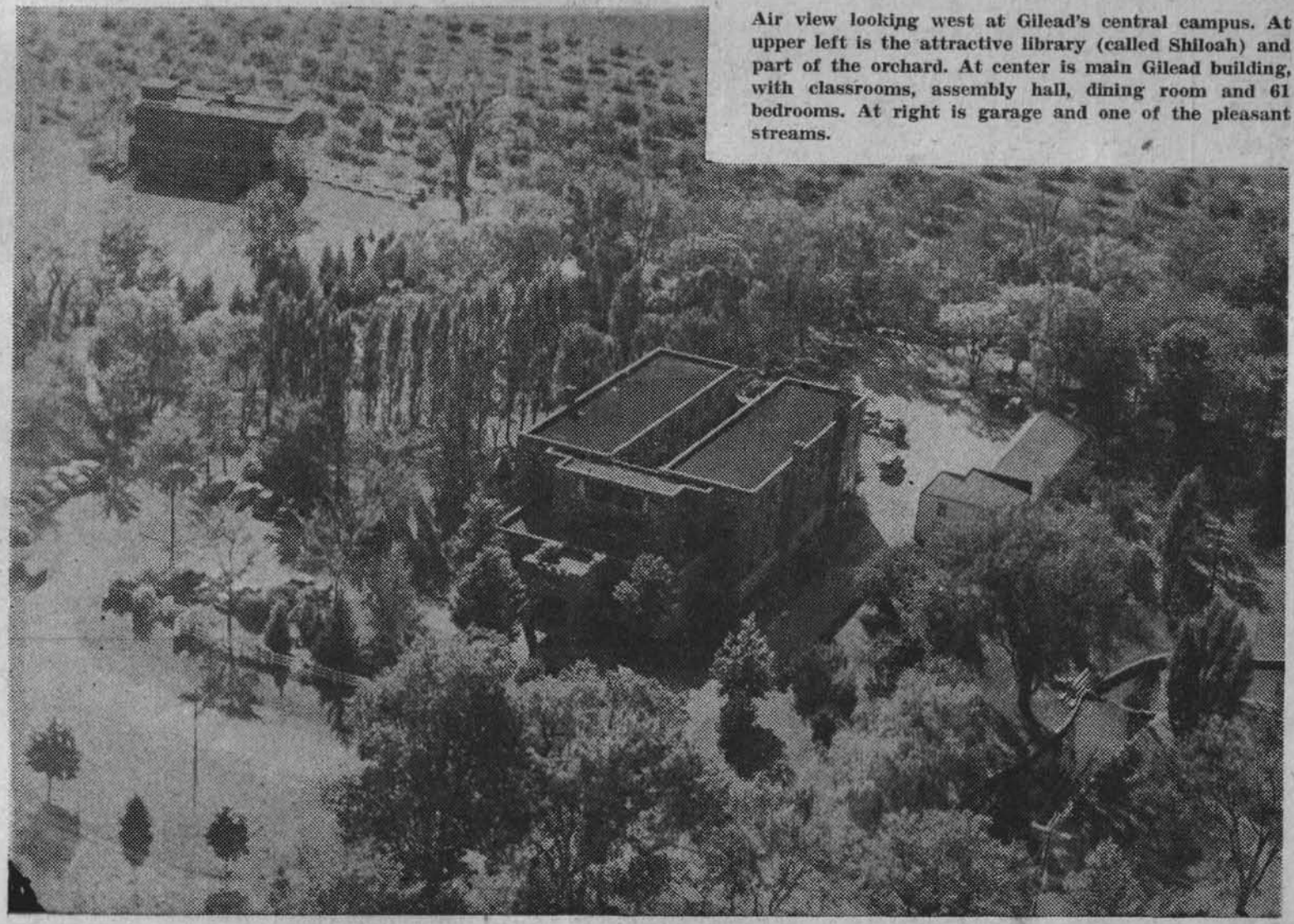
Unlike most missionaries, Gilead's graduates prompt such a response from the people that those who hear also take up the unpaid preaching work. Some of these have themselves been called to the school and trained for further activity.

The students are chosen carefully. They must have good records in the full-time "pioneer" ministry, and must agree to go wherever in the world they may be sent in gospel-preaching activity, there to use their new knowledge in Jehovah's service.

Yet with more laborers in the field, more persons hear of the message, the work grows and many more are needed. All unencumbered Christian ministers can aspire to Gilead service. Those who qualify can be richly blessed as *workers* in the Christian organization!



A class taking advantage of good weather to meet in amphitheater.
Library is in background.



Air view looking west at Gilead's central campus. At upper left is the attractive library (called Shiloah) and part of the orchard. At center is main Gilead building, with classrooms, assembly hall, dining room and 61 bedrooms. At right is garage and one of the pleasant streams.

682 Foreign Missionaries Entertained

Bethel Home Scene of Reunion of 17 Classes

Friday evening, July 17, was a memorable night for some 682 proved and tested foreign missionaries who descended on Bethel from the four corners of the earth. Months ago Brother Knorr had invited all Gilead missionaries active in foreign fields to this happy rendezvous.

By four o'clock droves of well-dressed men and women of many racial origins began to converge upon the Society's Brooklyn headquarters building. As the afternoon went on the front lobby and reception hall filled and hundreds had to assemble on the walkways and even in the street itself. What a spectacle it was! Everyone was in gay spirits, laughing, shaking hands and recounting the bygone days of schooling at Gilead. For over three hours this preliminary visiting went on. Finally, about seven o'clock the doors into the Kingdom Hall were opened and the happy circles of gay reminiscencers, upon producing credentials, passed into the building for the first assembly.

Brother Knorr announced that a reunion banquet had been prepared for all the visitors and that the seating at the tables would be made according to classes. This brought spontaneous expression of delight. The classes were called to come to the front of the Kingdom Hall to leave for the dining room. Twenty-eight veteran missionaries from the class that graduated June 1943 rose amid t h u n d e r o u s applause and marched out. After each successive class did so, applause was sounded from the remainder of the audience, and quick counts were made as to the classmates attending this mass reunion. Class 8 had one of the highest numbers of representatives. When the dining hall's 500 seats had been filled, those of the remaining classes were served cafeteria-style and were tied in with the head table of the dining hall by a loud-speaker.

By 8 p.m. the entire missionary party of 682 were seated and commenced to enjoy a delightful dinner. After the meal was concluded the very animated audience was called to order by President Knorr, who warmly welcomed the missionaries. He expressed warm appreciation for the services rendered by these veterans over the past many years, expressed his delight in the fruitage shown in the foreign fields in the four corners of the earth and hoped that all of them would be keen on returning to their foreign assignments for many more years of ministerial work.

Vice-President F. W. Franz movingly expressed his great appreciation at being present. He noted the stamp of maturity upon each of these veteran missionaries. He encouraged them to keep up their commendable record of service for the days to come. The school's registrar, A. D. Schroeder, was next asked to express himself. He told of thirteen letters' being obtained, three from theological seminaries, all favorably expressing recognition of Gilead as having an educational program comparable to schools on the college and university level. These credentials were presented to the United States Office of Education in Washington, which, on January 22, 1953, granted approval and recognition conceding that Gilead was a professional school offering higher education in the ministry. This will permit hundreds more to be brought to the United States to this recognized school for nonimmigrant students.

M. G. Henschel next talked with the missionary audience, giving a report on the convention preparations. Gilead's instructors, D. H. Burt, M. G. Friend, E. A. Dunlap, and J. C. Booth addressed this most receptive audience.

Finally, about 10 p.m., this happy banquet was brought to an official close. President Knorr and his assistant, M. G. Henschel, personally visited each one in attendance, giving each a contribution of money from the Society to cover his travel expenses while attending the world assembly of Jehovah's witnesses. N. H. Knorr then offered a moving prayer to Jehovah God. Though it was 10 p.m. this by no means brought to an end the evening party. It was not until near midnight that all the groups finally dispersed, after enjoying hours of delightful fellowship, to return for the night to their various lodgings in greater New York city.

This memorable night will long be remembered for its warm, moving spirit of close fellowship of veteran dedicated missionaries, who have only one present objective in life, the preaching of the good news of the established kingdom to the four quarters of God's footstool earth.

COUNTING SHEEP

Counting sheep may be a way to sleep, but counting Jehovah's lapel-pin-identified sheep has awakened New Yorkers by the millions to the fact that Jehovah's witnesses are in town. Two hundred thousand such pins were ordered by those coming to the assembly. Were they used? New York certainly thinks so. On the Saturday before the convention a 9 p.m. spot check was made miles from Yankee Stadium at the northeast corner of 44th Street and Broadway in Times Square. In just ten minutes, 83 pins went north, 92 south, and that on just one side of the street! That is almost one every three seconds.

The name of the wearer and his home congregation typed or printed clearly on each pin provides an excellent introduction among Jehovah's witnesses, who, as Christian brothers, do not stand on formalism anyway; but, even more important, they provide one of the best possible means of personal public advertising.

Address of Welcome Opens Assembly

"With joy and gladness we welcome you to this New World Society Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses." So began the address of welcome by Percy Chapman, branch servant of Canada, at 10:30 Sunday morning. He termed this gathering a "family reunion of Jehovah's people" from the five continents, and bade them welcome in the name of Jehovah, in the name of his King, Christ Jesus, and in the name of "the sole and only theocratic organization on earth, the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society."

For twelve months Jehovah's people have been hoping, expecting and praying, and today their hopes were realized. The evidence of their prayers' being answered was apparent to all, the speaker observed. "Praise be to the happy God that made this assembly possible, the grandest in all history. For these blessed and joyful eight days, this Yankee Stadium has been transformed into the house of Jehovah, a mammoth Kingdom Hall."

Mr. Chapman next emphasized the purpose of the assembly: to gain strength, brighten vision and increase faith. Such could not be done if time were spent sight-seeing. Attend each and every session, he admonished; see New York after the assembly. New York will remain but the assembly will not. "Its joys can never be adequately re-enacted."

Emphasizing the international aspect of the assembly, Mr. Chapman read some of the 97 banners fastened to girders, containing greetings from faraway lands, as well as telegrams from Korea, the Philippine Republic, India and other lands.

By the end of the assembly all should be loaded down, filled to the full with blessings to take home to those who could not come, he observed. Then he announced the release of a leather-bound edition of the *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures.*

Missionary Service as a Life's Work

Preliminary to the chairman's address was G. Fredianelli's discussion of missionary service. He spoke from experience, having served for years as a missionary in Italy.

Are missionaries happy in their foreign assignment? Of course they are happy! In fact, theirs is a greater happiness. "To make the missionary field your field," he said, "means that you are not content with just being happy, but that you want to be happier."

Then the missionary likened the onward march of missionaries in foreign fields to an invading army. But, he said, unlike old-world armies we missionaries build up instead of destroying; we bring happiness and not sorrow.

After you are with your assignment for a while, it will not be hard to stick. Leaving will become difficult. The missionary went on to say: When you hear good-will persons say to you, "Brother, don't abandon us. Continue to help us to know and serve Jehovah," you will stay.

The speaker went on to say that the foreign missionary service has hardly been tapped, and made a direct appeal to full-time preachers. "Pioneers," he called out, "you need those foreign fields for your greater happiness! Most of all, those foreign fields need you!" "Heed the call!" "Make missionary service your life's work!"

Delegates from Earth's Extremities

What the apostle said long ago concerning the preaching of the good news holds true today: "This thing has not been done in a corner." (Acts 26:26, *New World Trans.*) There was living proof of this as delegates opened this first session of the assembly with reports from far-flung lands.

H. Nichols related that 44 from Argentina came 5,676 miles to the assembly. "The tickets alone for the trip," she said, "are about the equivalent of a whole year's salary" in Argentina.

M. E. Bartlett from South Africa declared that there is no longer anything dark about Africa, for the illuminating message of God's kingdom is being widely proclaimed. Forty delegates each traveled 10,000 miles to attend the assembly.

Delegate J. A. Cutforth, from the kangaroo continent of Aus-

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The chairman, assistant chairman, F. S. Hoffmann, and missionary Fredianelli examine leather-bound Bible

GRADUATES OF GILEAD'S TWENTY-FIRST CLASS FROM TWENTY-EIGHT LANDS EXPRESS THEMSELVES

The muffled roar of the 70,863 citizens of the new world turned to songs of praise Sunday evening, July 19, as Gilead's twenty-first class gave expressions of appreciation. N. H. Knorr, the school's president, described the beautiful green surroundings and the happy atmosphere that make Gilead attractive even to outsiders. Many Cornell University students come over for a visit. Would you like to see what happens when they come to visit Gilead? The audience responded with applause. Well, tonight we plan on taking a little tour of Gilead and you can be our guests.

The students then re-created a scene of taking Cornell students through the school. They began with introductions and then proceeded to Classroom A. They told what subjects were covered in each classroom, in an exciting and interesting style.

"This is Classroom A," one of the students began. "Four subjects are studied here. Theocratic records, missionary service, theocratic ministry and Bible truth." The "Cornell" students would break in and ask questions: 'What do you mean by theocratic records?' 'Don't you study the Bible?' 'What about mathematics and bookkeeping?' The students then showed them how each one of those subjects was covered efficiently and thoroughly. And so, on went the discussion from Classroom A to B, where two subjects were covered. Here, the students told their visitors, "we become equipped for every good work."

They toured where Spanish and Scriptural facts are studied. "What others cover in two years we take five and a half months to learn," said one student. How thrilling it was to be able to go along with these students on an imaginary visit to Gilead!

Over to the library we were directed. "Here are 9,000 useful volumes," one student declared. "This library specializes in Bibles and religious books." In Classroom D history and religion (the true kind and the false) are studied. Law is also taught. Supreme Law, also natural and revealed law and superior law, is covered too.

For relaxation every evening we have a half-hour off, one student explained. With that the huge gathering at Yankee Stadium was given a special treat with a round of Hollandish, German, Hawaiian, African and Spanish songs, including folk and Kingdom songs. Round after round of applause swept the audience; spontaneous laughter showed that all in attendance were thrilled with the entire program.

The thousands in attendance got a peek at what takes place in each of the classrooms, and how well all students get along after classes. "It's like living at home," one student said, "only we don't fight." "Gilead has left a deep impression with me that I'll never forget," said another. Each student's love for the school, the instructors, for others, for the Society and for Jehovah God was evident. "The school is like a big family. It works like a well-oiled machine. I'll be so sorry to leave here."

The school's president, N. H. Knorr, then closed the session with a few appropriate remarks.

Address of Welcome (*Cont'd*)

tralia, prompted a burst of hearty applause when he told that 120 brothers traveled such tremendous distances to the assembly that it would consume four to five months in coming and going.

Gracie Joseph of India announced that delegates from that quarter of the earth had come more that 8,000 miles. In India, "like everywhere," she said, "the Kingdom message is preached; it is bringing much happiness and joy to the people of good will."

Delegate J. G. Bruton, from the land of lakes, Finland, next told a happy throng that preaching there involves skiing hundreds of miles to get to homes.

What joy when it was next announced that from the province of Quebec, Canada, long a stronghold of Roman Catholicism, 1,260 delegates came to the assembly! Ella Allen proceeded to relate how missionaries are often evicted from their rooms through the instigation of priests. In one city, the home town of ex-Prime Minister Duplessis, missionaries had to hitchhike 170 miles daily for ten days to find rooms.

B. S. Yun came over 9,000 miles and thrilled the assembly as she told how God's love has penetrated that land long torn by hatred and war, Korea. When the Communist regime took over, she hid herself, but when it rained she took an umbrella to conceal herself and went about preaching the good news.

R. N. Casson was one of the first missionaries to go to Ethiopia. He told the assembly that delegates, in order that they might see the glories of the Greater than Solomon, had to travel over four times as far as the queen of Sheba.

B. S. Yun, Korea, and Gracie Joseph, India

Graduates from Hawaii, Nigeria and United States who participated in the Sunday evening program. The bridge leads to platform

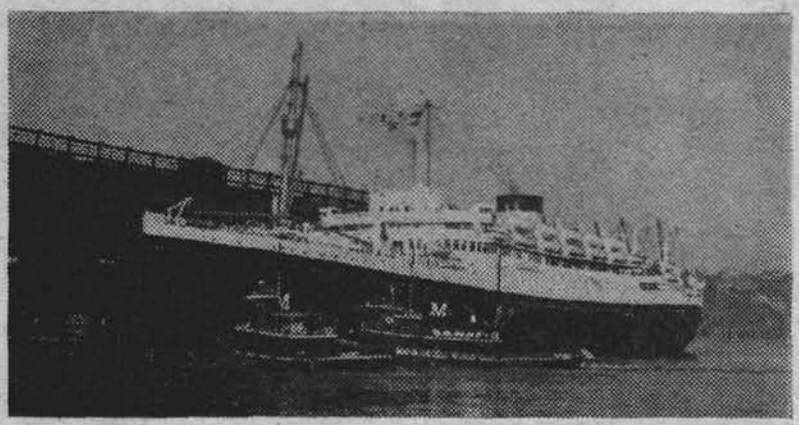
Graduates from several nations collaborate on some Spanish songs, to add enjoyment to the Sunday evening program.

Information and Help for Incoming Delegates

What is the first thing a hundred thousand delegates to the New World Society Assembly wanted when they approached New York?

Information!

It took almost 300 people to give out that much information. And this was no ordinary staff. Think what one person would need to have met all the requirements—a taxi driver's knowledge of New York, ability to speak the languages of 96 countries, a rugged car, inexhaustible supplies of gasoline and the stamina to stay on call 24 hours a day!



By sea—226 delegates arrive aboard Georgic from Britain

By land—busloads from Cuba arrive in New York

By air—37 arrive from Chile

Let's say you want a taste of the storybook atmosphere that went with working in the Information department. Visualize, if you can, a stream of auto traffic pouring into the world's biggest city at such a rate that even on Friday one man counted 48 cars before he could eat a banana split—this, of course, was on only one highway.

Most of these seventy thousand or so autoists, funneling at New York from all points—over roaring turnpikes, elevated roadways, fantastic-sized bridges and miles of tunnels—did not know how to find their ultimate destination. Had you been among the 150 workers that staffed the seven Information booths on all the main Jersey-side highways, it would have been your job to help them find it. You asked for their room assignment card. You marked out the best route to their lodging. Then you sent them; happy and grateful, on their way. And if as yet they had no room assignment, you directed them to Rooming Department headquarters.

You might have joined the forty workers who staffed the three New York bus terminals, where one out of twelve of your brothers arrived, where buses poured in, as at Port Authority terminal, at the incredible rate of two a minute.

Or you might have been among the forty Information workers at the Pennsylvania and Grand Central railroad stations (trains shuttle in here as fast as one every twenty seconds!), where one in six delegates arrived.

Or had you worked at the two airports as one of the thirty members of the staff there, you would have had your share of welcoming the hundreds of delegates who flew here from all continents and from countless North American cities.

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HOUSING THE DELEGATES

On April 26 a vanguard of 509 optimistic New York witnesses of Jehovah sallied forth in the biggest house-to-house and stair-climbing hunt for rooms in the city's history. New York witnesses remembered that in addition to 20,000 hotel accommodations in 1950, their brothers had needed twice that many home accommodations.

On May 17 there was in the field every day an average of 1,600 diligent canvassers, drawn from a reservoir of 5,485 different members of New York's 42 congregations. A month later, June 18, about 50 more congregations within a 60-mile radius of New York city were invited to share in the room search. And by July 6, if all the hours spent in room searching had been put in by one man, working 24 hours a day, it would have taken him 14 years to accomplish it.

So vast an army of room seekers were in the field by July 16 that 39 Kingdom Hall field-service centers, from the Coney Island area to the top of Yonkers, were buzzing. So many accommodations were written up —48,586 in private homes—that an office force of 175 workers, operating in shifts of 60 to 80, were kept busy processing and filing and matching them with the requests that were pouring in from all over the globe at a rate that, until the last week, outpaced accommodations obtained.

"The people received us so well," R. L. Anderson, rooming department supervisor, said, "that they were not annoyed even when we called on them for the third and fourth times." In fact these latter calls yielded more accommodations than the first calls, Anderson explained. "This was due partly to so much talk among the people, so much radio and newspaper publicity about our assembly. And, too, people knew by this time whether they were going on vacation or not, and if they would have visitors, and so on."

Anderson, a United States circuit supervisor, was happy to announce that the biggest single boon to the 1953 room search was the landladies who remembered Jehovah's people from 1950. "A very large number of our accommodations were called in to us by landladies. Our phones were kept so busy that some of them waited till after midnight to get a call through, or sent us a wire. Many others just came to the Rooming department in person to offer us accommodations. Still others simply left their keys with us and went on their vacations. It was a thrill!"

Hotels

"I do want Jehovah's witnesses back in 1953. When you had your assembly here in 1950 the Witnesses who stayed with us wrote letters and thanked me for everything. They inserted bits of their philosophy. Sometimes when I get low I dig out the files and read their letters over again."

The reaction of this hotel manager, when R. E. Abrahamson, hotel accommodations manager for the Watchtower Convention, presented his card, reflected the general good will of the hotel association.

"But," the manager apologized, "I don't have many accommodations to list with you." "Is that right?" said Abrahamson. "Because the same people who stayed with me last time have already made their reservations, some as far as a year in advance. Besides, they are bringing some of their friends along."

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Information and Help (*Cont'd*)

Besides, there were eleven mighty monarchs of the oceans —the Queen Elizabeth and the Ile de France among them—to be met to receive the bands of happy delegates from the farthest points on earth.

Can you visualize greeting all these arrivals? For the 21,000 foreign friends (this includes Canadians) it was not always so simple as marking a route on a map for them. "So far as the foreign brothers are concerned," explained Information Director F. J. Molohan, "we operated a kind of glorified taxi service."

"When a group arrived by plane or boat," he continued, "brothers were there to interpret, and other brothers were there with their cars. They assisted the friends through the Customs, then drove them to nearby Kingdom Hall reception centers. There they were given refreshments, room assignments and other help, and finally chauffeured to their rooms."

How did this service of pure love for their brothers impress the public? "A great deal," responded Arthur Dritz, information assistant. "At Idlewild airport two people were overheard talking about it. One remarked that these Witnesses are really something big. The other said something derogatory. But the first fellow challenged him to point out another organization that goes all out to help one another like this.

"Yes," Arthur Dritz concluded, "a lot of people appreciated a glimpse of our new-world way of living."

After the 19th, the Information booths were disassembled and reorganized into four huge Information centers at Yankee Stadium—three inside the stadium and one in the cafeteria tents.

WHAT'S NEW?

That common question has real meaning at this assembly. The first new thing was the de luxe, leather-bound edition of the *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures*, released by the chairman Sunday morning. Then in the afternoon along came the August 1 *Watchtower*, with its new "Check Your Memory" feature. Monday the colored picture post card of the stadium with the previous day's attendance figure printed right on its face surprised conventioners.

At the other-language meetings Monday came six more new publications: *Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?* in Arabic and Polish, *God's Way Is Love* in Greek, *Evolution versus The New World* in Norwegian, and *The Kingdom Is at Hand* and *Evolution versus The New World* in Portuguese.

At the end of P. Chapman's Monday afternoon discourse a copy of the new *Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?* was presented in Ukrainian.

The greatest surprise yet during the assembly was, however, "*Make Sure of All Things*", the outstanding new ministry aid so enthusiastically received by the conventioners Monday afternoon.

John Groh, convention servant, goes over points with Ray Anderson, left, of Rooming. Groh's wife assists.

R. Abrahamson, handling hotel accommodations, reaches agreement with Warren Slater, right, of Hotel New Yorker.

Rooming headquarters

Housing *(Cont'd)*

The convention hotel department, operating under the Rooming Committee, had assigned 20,731 hotel accommodations in 265 hotels through its office by July 19. "How many hotel rooms the friends obtained on their own is anyone's guess," Abrahamson said. "Our official estimate is that at least 35,000 Jehovah's witnesses are staying in hotels."

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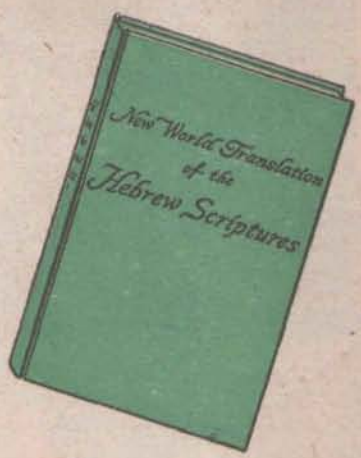
A NEW BIBLE!

132,811 Cheer Its Release



First of Hebrew Scriptures

"New World Translation" Features Name Jehovah

Wednesday afternoon a tremendous discharge of joy broke a three-year build-up of expectation to receive a new translation of the Hebrew Scriptures. Sustained applause and shouts of delight for nearly a minute by the vast throng of 132,811 marked the release of the *New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures*.

July 22, 1953, goes down as the historic date for the release of a new translation of the Masoretic text by the New World Bible Translation Committee. At 3:30 p.m. N. H. Knorr delivered the convention thriller, "Walk in the Name of Jehovah Our God for Ever."

The audience proved to be the most enthusiastic of this assembly, breaking into applause more than fifty times during the hour and a half. Ever since the release of the *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures* on August 2, 1950, Jehovah's witnesses the world over have been building up an expectation for the receiving of the Hebrew Scriptures. That great expectation was in part fulfilled today when N. H. Knorr announced the release of the first eight books of the Hebrew Scriptures published as Volume I of the *New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures*. Volumes II and III were promised for some future year.

For an hour prior to the historic lecture the stadium was packed to overflowing. At the start of his lecture Knorr mentioned how the name of Jehovah God has come in for considerable discussion in recent years. He also told how the translators of the Revised Standard Version Bible, released in 1952, had purposely hidden the divine name from the public by refusing to translate the Hebrew tetragrammaton properly. They rendered the distinctive divine name by the indefinite "Lord."

The flimsy excuses offered by this Revised Standard Bible Translation Committee for dropping the name Jehovah were that the correct pronunciation of the name is not exactly known and further that "the use of any proper name for the one and only God, as though there were other gods from which he has to be distinguished, was discontinued in Judaism before the Christian era and is entirely inappropriate for the universal faith of the Christian Church."

Dramatically, Mr. Knorr put the following questions to the keyed-up audience. "Does the Revised Standard Committee in its Preface speak for you?" The audience rang out an emphatic NO! Again Knorr asked,

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New Bible *(Cont'd)*

"Is it inappropriate to distinguish the true God by a proper name?" Again the audience shouted NO!

Knorr showed how the religious press prophesied that the *Revised Standard Version*, leaving out the name Jehovah, would draw the fire of Jehovah's witnesses; also they said that the witnesses were greatly upset by this leaving out of Jehovah's name. Had Jehovah's witnesses been members of the National Council of Churches that authorized the *Revised Standard Version* there would be reason for Jehovah's witnesses to be upset. But Jehovah's witnesses are glad that they are not members of that National Council. A tremendous applause from the audience gave the speaker full support on this point.

He went on to say that "the great indignity that the Revised Standard Version Committee had rendered to the grandest and most worthy name in the universe and the motives, stated and unstated, that prompted them to do this" are things that we rise to in great objection. Again the audience supported Knorr.

In the middle of his lecture he thanked Jehovah God that provision had been made for a translation of the Hebrew Scriptures that does restore the name *Jehovah* to its right place. At this point Knorr made the electrifying announcement that the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society was releasing Volume I of the *New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures*, the Octateuch, which comprises the first eight books of the Hebrew Scriptures. At that moment he held up a copy of the new translation and simultaneously there was unfolded a gigantic replica of the *New World Translation* on the scoreboard of the stadium located to the rear of the speaker.

The audience was delighted and enthusiastically applauded and shouted for 35 seconds. Then as Knorr endeavored to make a few additional remarks they interrupted to break out into another sustained ovation lasting even longer, 45 seconds. By this tremendous demonstration Jehovah's witnesses assembled at Yankee Stadium served notice to the world that they proclaim and accept this *New World Translation* and will use it to the fullest extent in their ministerial activities.

Eager workers unfolding big replica of new Bible as its release occurred

Knorr went on to show other noteworthy features of the *New World Translation*, in addition to the retaining of the divine name Jehovah. He showed that whereas the *King James Version* uses the term "faith" only twice in the entire "Old Testament," the *New World Translation* uses it seven times in the Octateuch alone.

Another precise rendering is that for the Hebrew *'o·lam*, which is rendered in the *King James Version* as "for ever," "everlasting," "perpetual," "old," etc. It actually means "concealed time" and so is translated "to time indefinite."

The *New World Translation* also consistently transliterates *She'ol* and in the Appendix gives valuable information regarding it. It also translates *neph'esh* as "soul" in its 231 occurrences in the Octateuch. The Appendix gives the 14 instances soul is applied to lower animals, 49 instances showing the soul is mortal, and 12 instances showing a corpse is a dead soul.

Knorr concluded by proclaiming with much audience support, "We do not expect the clergy of Christendom, and of Jewry, to generally approve this translation. They may even forbid their people to obtain and read it." That does not worry Jehovah's witnesses. This translation has not been authorized by any earthly potentate or group of self-styled authorities. Instead, Knorr said, "This translation has been authorized by the great Creator Jehovah God." No

WHAT'S NEW?

Why, the *New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures*, Volume I, in both the regular and de luxe full-leather editions, is the newest and most important thing the conventioners have yet received! Any who doubt that should have witnessed the enthusiasm of prolonged and sustained applause that roared up from the stadium when that Bible was announced shortly after 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Other new things: *"Preach the Word"*, a booklet presenting testimonies in many languages; *Songs to Jehovah's Praise* in Spanish, and the first issue of this *Report*.

Other releases in other languages Tuesday and Wednesday were: *"This Means Everlasting Life"* in Greek, Slovak and Ukrainian; *Evolution versus The New World* in Hollandish and Spanish; *God's Way Is Love* in Polish, Russian and Slovak; *Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?* in Russian; and *Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?* in Armenian and Icelandic; *What Has Religion Done for Mankind?* in Spanish and Icelandic.

Total releases thus far: 29.

higher authorization than this is required for the producing of a new, fresh translation in modern English of the Hebrew Scriptures.

The audience was difficult to restrain, as they were eager to get up and obtain their personal copy of the *New World Translation*. However, the speaker did keep them in place long enough to tell them that the green cloth edition was available for $1.50 and also a leather-bound edition was available for $6.50. With that a short closing song was sung and then the audience dispersed rapidly to the various corridors, where supplies of the new Bible were available.

Preliminaries to Release

Prior to this thrilling speech and release W. E. Woodworth called on many missionaries and branch servants, who pointedly related experiences and growth of the new-world organization. Among the many reports space allows only a few high lights:

A Bible study class in Venezuela consists of 100 in attendance, mostly children.

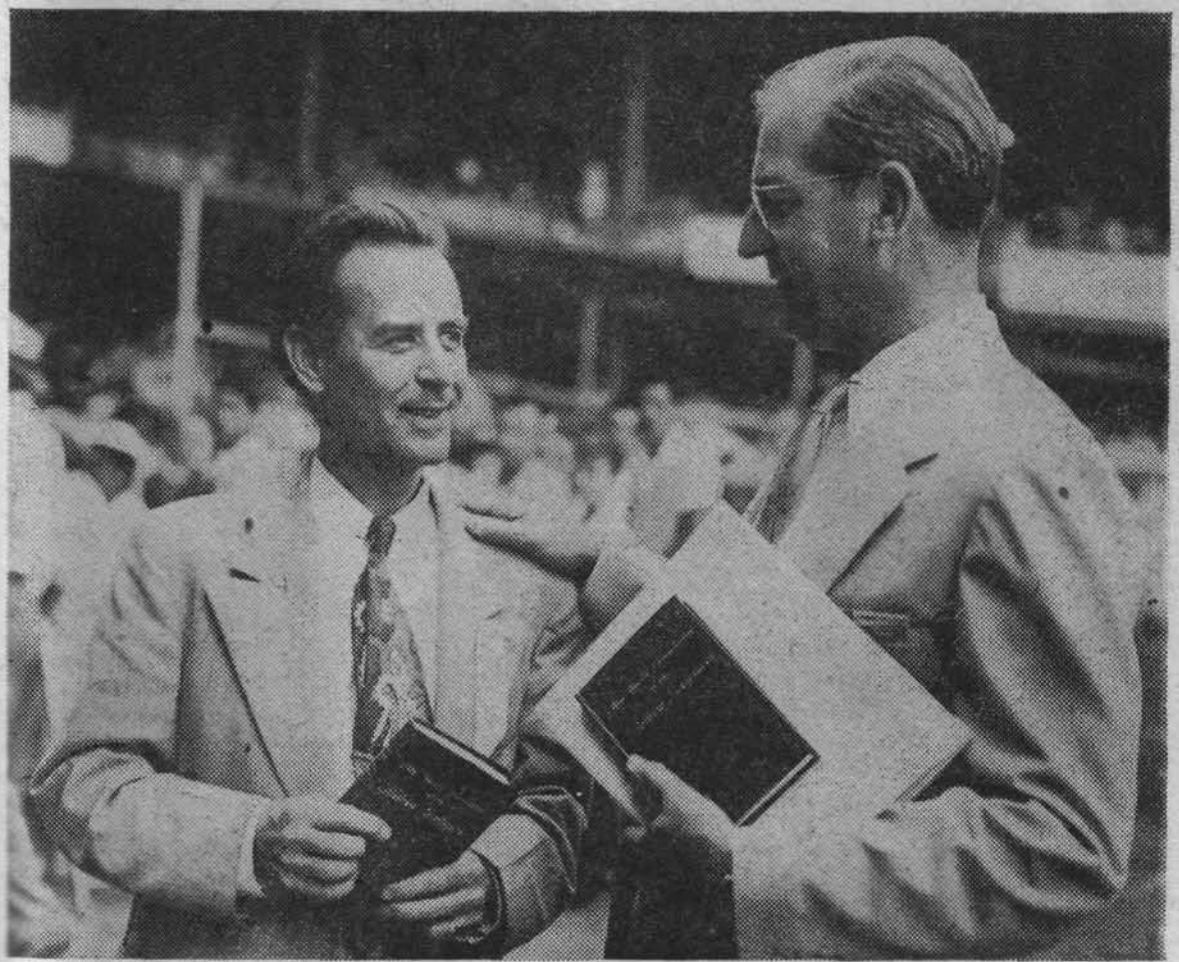
Missionary L. Foster from Ecuador told how, after patient study, many honesthearted people are throwing away their idols, images and picture saints. True worship is setting them free.

From Peru, N. Pool told of a man who asked her not to talk to him about living forever. His daily prayer was to die. He was sick of living. After visits to the Kingdom Hall, he hopes to live eternally.

Chileans love Kingdom songs, conventioners learned. At least in one case a whole family has come into the truth just through the hearing of these songs of praise.

In Argentina Catholic opposition is keen, remarked C. R. Eisenhower. A man who was appointed by a priest to trouble Jehovah's witnesses read some of the Society's literature. When a witness spoke to him the man stated: "If anyone bothers you, I will see that he gets ten days in jail."

Missionary R. D. Thompson from Paraguay related that the government of Paraguay contributed to place seven of these Bible-truth-containing books in the Naval library.



Pleased and joyful after the release of the new Bible, Knorr and Vice-President F. W. Franz converse

Aerial view of Wednesday afternoon session at Yankee Stadium

4,640 BAPTIZED!

Symbol of Their Dedication to God

"Those who are going to be immersed, please stand up!" This request by C. A. Steele near the conclusion of his discourse on "Baptism" Wednesday morning prompted a mass rising of thousands of immersion candidates filling Sections 10 to 22 of the stadium, and brought forth sustained, swelling applause. "This certainly shows God's blessing on his people, and also upon baptism," Steele said.

At 9:30, after prayer and song, the candidates filed out to board twelve special buses provided by New York City's Surface Transportation System. Carrying 60 persons per bus, these operated a constant shuttle service between the stadium and Riverside Cascade Pool located at 134th Street near Broadway. The total of 4,640 baptized was made up of 1,861 men and 2,779 women.

Everything was highly organized. Seventy men working in shifts did the immersing. Attendants helped the candidates to the buses, took care of the dressing rooms, even seeing that their jewelry and other valuables were safely laid aside to keep them from loss or damage in the water. A doctor and nurses were on hand as a special precaution. But these proved to be mere spectators.

Surrounding the elevated pool, the spectators included a battery of newspaper and newsreel cameramen, as well as many amateur photographers. New York-

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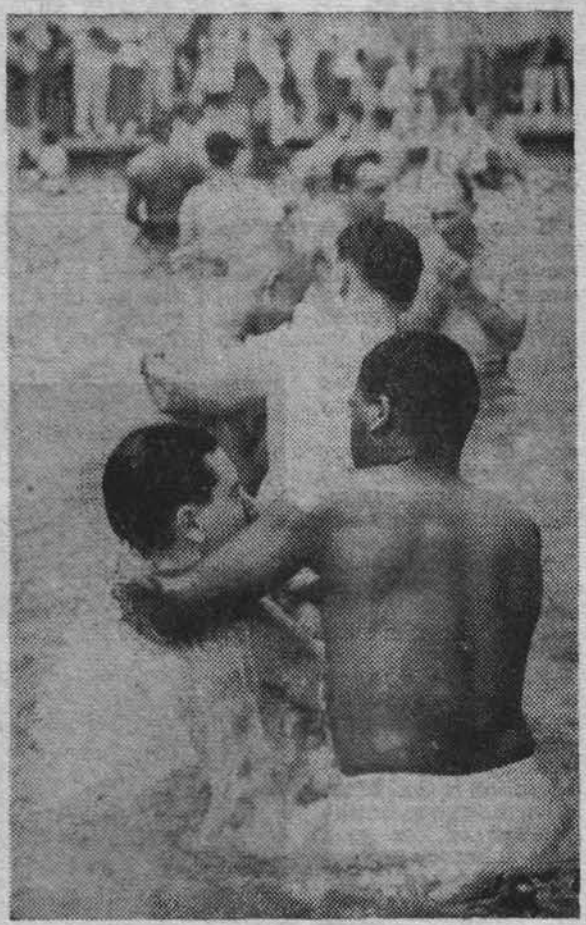

One of the 4,640 submitting to immersion

Knorr Pushes House-to-House Training

N. H. Knorr electrified the assembly Wednesday morning with the first announcement of a great house-to-house training program. Circuit and district servants, figuring prominently in this campaign, sat in the front-center section as Knorr outlined the "Principal Work of All Servants"—that every servant strive to help every publisher be a regular house-to-house minister.

"Everyone," he said, "should be able to preach the good news from house to house." This being the primary objective, from now on all circuit servants will give special attention to house-to-house training.

Several changes were made to effect greater efficiency in the organization. Circuit servants are now to have a regular schedule to follow, which calls for them to spend a minimum of 100 hours a month in house-to-house work, including back-call and study activity. During the week the circuit servant will direct the training program by selecting a mature house-to-house publisher to work with the new and unexperienced ones.

District servants, he announced, will now accompany circuit servants for a period of two weeks, thus being able to observe their effectiveness and offer any necessary counsel.

Preliminary to Brother Knorr's stadium-shaking announcement, L. E. Reusch, district servant, emphasized that "life in the new world is dependent on praising Jehovah." But first we need the knowledge that comes from study.

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KNORR TALKS TO BRANCH SERVANTS

32-Page Preaching Aid Released

If anyone had doubts that the organization of Jehovah's witnesses, the world's largest missionary society, is theocratic, that is, God-governed, and is also apostolic, those doubts were dispelled if he was among the 121,294 that attended this Tuesday afternoon meeting. Most of the managers of its far-flung 70 branches were assembled immediately in front of the platform. The symposium constituted a course of instruction.

N. H. Knorr, the Society's president, in "Counsel to Branch Servants," emphasized that the fundamental position of primary importance in God's organization is that of an active house-to-house preacher of the good news. A branch servant as a leader and example must, above all things, be as Jesus was —a zealous preacher.

To illustrate what a branch servant should be, he pointed to the apostles. Jesus selected them because they were men of zeal and love. They were men who would stick, would work and not run away or become tired and turn responsibility back for someone else to take. Yet they were organizers who would not try to do everything themselves, but would see that the Kingdom work was well and efficiently taken care of. They would train and use others.

Ambitious branch servants might try to follow worldly organizations by seeking quantity instead of quality, a big report for their country instead of God's approval on a mature, clean organization. "We certainly want no interference from inside the organization. From the outside world we expect it. That's why they're outside," he exclaimed. Jehovah is the Great Shepherd, and he is not going to bring his sheep into an organization filled with corruption. "They might as well stay out there wandering in the bush," he declared.

Knorr, in his office, is here discussing the Swiss branch work

With final counsel to be fearless, knowing that Jehovah himself is backing them up, and to daily approach God in prayer, he then announced a newly-provided help. The Society's new 32-page preaching aid, "*Preach the Word*", giving a testimony in 30 languages, will enable all to "preach the Kingdom gospel to people we can't even talk to."

Then M. G. Henschel, a director of the Society, gave counsel based on the Society's years of actual missionary experience. Branch servants, his talk explained, must pay special attention to Gilead graduate missionaries sent to their country. These should be warmly greeted and taken out in the door-to-door work right away. They should quickly learn the customs of the people. A good start for them is vital.

Practical advice by A. D. Schroeder, registrar of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead, followed. His practical suggestions for studying *The Watchtower* were: (1) Read the magazine through, (2) determine whether it is topical in form or the Scriptural commentary type, (3) get the outline by another reading, underlining the high points and key scriptures, (4) discuss the subject with others, (5) carefully examine for new doctrinal truths, new "light," strong field-service points and arguments and new statements of principles. In conclusion he observed that branch servants are also teachers of the Bible and are expected to be experts.

On "Know Your Rights as a Citizen," H. C. Covington, the Society's attorney, emphasized not only knowing but also *using* our rights. In another land we cannot have citizenship rights, so we must be tactful in our

work. "God says he will make our heads as flint. If we run up against a brick wall, flint is harder yet, so we will crash through," were his assuring words.

Finally, Vice-President F. W. Franz explained that while the organization is apostolic, it has also been provided with things not needed in the apostles' days, because of the different conditions and different work to be done in this day of the enthroned King. As "princes" ruling in justice under the King, branch servants must recognize the organization. (Isaiah 32:1) He defined "recognizing the organization" to mean submission, bringing oneself under responsibility according to the office occupied. Of course, primarily Jehovah and Christ, as the Superior Authorities at the top, are honored and respected.

Atlantic Isles Report Increase

Prior to Brother Knorr's counsel to the branch servants, conventioners were absorbed in hearing "Songs of Praise from the Islands." Here was colorful testimony from eleven island delegates who clearly showed the fulfillment of Jehovah's Word: "Let them give glory unto Jehovah, and declare his praise in the islands."—Isaiah 42:12, *Am. Stan. Ver.*

While hearing inspiring words on theocratic expansion, conventioners could not only hear of the island increases but could also see the special sign on the field portraying the increase: from 1952's 15,659 publishers in 15 island lands to 1953's 17,346 publishers in 29 island lands! It delighted the brothers to know that in spite of a ban in the Dominican Republic, A. Parson could say that "a kingdom flock of the Lord's other sheep" is to be found there.

Branch servants from eight lands then took the audience on a tour of their islands. D. Rendell told how, in spite of priest-inspired mobbings, stonings and beatings, the work in Cyprus has progressed. In 1948 there were 59 ministers. Today 360 persons are assembling with the New World society.

The branch servant of the Bahamas, J. Jones, reported that the increase there came only after all unclean persons had been removed from the congregations and gossiping and talebearing had been replaced by love.

Branch servant R. Franz said

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Signs of the New World

Yankee Stadium was adorned with a garland of signs of the new world that inspired the New York *Times* to comment that the stadium had "doffed its baseball garb." Ninety beautifully colored banners, strung around the entire range of the fronts of the upper tier and the mezzanine, sang out a message from the hearts of Jehovah's people among the nations to thrill the hearts of everyone who gazed upon them.

"French Delegates Say *Bonjour*," "Christian *Aloha* from Hawaii," "Alaskans Mushing to the New World," "Count Korea Present," they read. Artistic backgrounds symbolic of the country they represented enhanced the banners with delightful beauty. Over the bleachers another streamer, higher than two tall men and as long as a city lot, announced the job of the United States branch in welcoming representatives of the whole New World society to the assembly.

"How did they ever get those beautiful signs together?" everybody wondered. The story behind their production goes back to a day, early in May, when one of Jehovah's witnesses, a long-time pioneer and the only sign painter on the west side of the island of Keoukou, Hawaii, received a letter from the convention servant. Would Harold Gale like to fly over and help with the signs? Harold would—in fact, he caught the first plane.

He landed in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where a corps of artists, letter men and photographers were already at work on the project. The work took two months to complete.

Meanwhile in New York professional sign painter and veteran pioneer Harry Robbins, up from San Antonio, Texas, was designing an array of New World Society Assembly advertising material—layouts from which to produce 160 highway signs, 17,185 subway and bus signs, 30,000 store window signs, 30,000 placards for street advertising, 5,100,000 handbills, 160 hotel welcome signs, 38,000 auto bumper signs and 205,000 lapel signs, as well as four huge stadium signs 6 x 60 feet in size.

By Monday it had taken 10,000 signs—not printed but handmade—to satisfy the enormous appetite of 30 or more departments composing the Assembly organization. "And we are still producing more signs all the time," assistant sign servant Gale said.

New World Society Trailer City

More than 30,000 Residents

Coming toward Jehovah's witnesses' Trailer City in New Jersey was a bumper-to-bumper line of automobiles, filled with people from Plainfield, Dunellen, New Market and other surrounding towns. "We counted four solid miles of cars," one observer avowed. "At least one thousand of them."

Why was the curious caravan coming? To see a miracle—New World Society Trailer City. An aerial view of only a part of it is here reproduced.

Had you been among that slow-crawling procession, the first glimpse you would have caught of the miracle was a gigantic sign towering into the sky, constructed in rustic birchwood, framing and spelling out "Welcome to New World Trailer City."

Below the sign, there at the street crossing, you see half a dozen traffic directors—not uniformed policemen, but perspiring civilians wearing Jehovah's witnesses' badges and with determined faces tempered by smiles.

Out of the horizon to the left, floating across long avenues of cars and trailers and tents, you hear, clearly but unobtrusively, strains of fine music or the voices of speakers that dwell calmly, eloquently, upon Bible teachings that have to do with living and good works.

You realize that the New World Society Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses is in session. The program you hear may be emanating from the heart of Yankee Stadium forty miles away, and conveyed by New World Radio Station WBBR, and transmitted by loud-speakers and a vast sprinkling of car radios.

If you pass along the highway your attendance will last for only a number of blocks, but if you turn your car into the City, down Watchtower Avenue, you will instantly appreciate the exclamation of the New Jersey groceryman who supplied a lot of the City's food: "I can sense the difference the minute I turn off the highway."

Watchtower Avenue crosses or parallels streets and avenues named after the Bible books and Bible characters and a host of other names of theocratic origin. Six thousand tents and fifteen hundred trailers extend on before you. *This is a city.* Part of the miracle, so fascinating to the people of New Jersey, is that most of it sprang up practically in one day's time. Twenty thousand people moved in quietly and without fanfare within twelve hours' time (1,200 an hour)—one arrival every three seconds! More than 30,000 live there. Exact figures will be available later.

You count auto and trailer licenses from all the states, from Canada, from Mexico; you see faces that, you learn later, come from as far

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Trailer City (*Cont'd*)

away as Alaska, Hawaii, Newfoundland, British Columbia, and even Africa. The whole human family is represented here.

But what is it that the groceryman sensed? "Well, no loud noise. No rowdiness. No harshness. No hustle and hurry. Just happy faces everywhere you look. You come away realizing you just visited a big city without hearing one harsh sound in it. That is something. That's a miracle."

Your car keeps rolling slowly down an avenue that was a wheat field only a few weeks ago. You are approaching a community of gigantic tents with flags waving gently over them, and wooden structures. The tents are filled with seated listeners. They are facing a 100-foot-long Administration building, topped by a loud-speaker. All around the tents and loud-speaker building you see thousands of men, women and children, reclining in clusters and groups, as on a beach, listening to the theocratic program, looking through treasured literature, like the new release, "*Make Sure of All Things*".

The children, though typically energetic, are quietly subdued, you notice. They are not scurrying and shouting around tent corners in cops and robbers battles, nor scalping Indians, nor swaggering cowboy sixguns from their little hips. But they are not unhappy. They are listening, learning, talking and quietly playing with one another, getting tired, going to sleep.

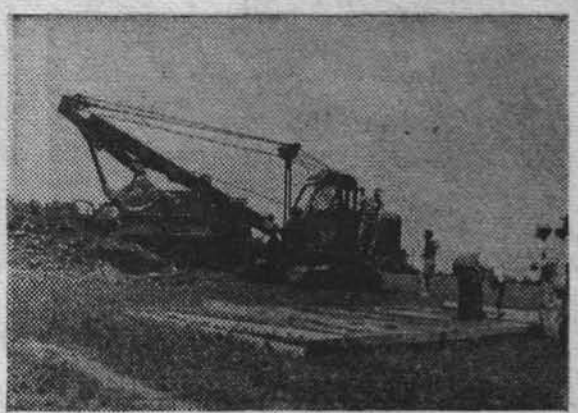
By now you have parked your car and the speaking program has ended. An announcement is made: "Everybody may obtain a new release at the literature tents"; and then you observe the one and only commotion—people from all directions converging rapidly upon the counters.

A mild, happy hubbub rises. A loud-speaker announcer breaks in politely. Twice he asks, "May I have your attention." The hubbub settles. Then, "The cafeteria is now open, brothers," says the announcer.

Thousands of people with their children commence to line up in orderly queues, under the directives of well-trained attendants, who lead them toward cafeteria tents. Other thousands melt away toward their tents and trailers to prepare their meals picnic-fashion. You get the impression that although this is Tuesday, and the City appeared here only four days ago, it has been here a lifetime.

You join the cafeteria lines. The serving lines dispense trays

Delegates from Liberia register, as young Kojo oversees the signing



To clear the grounds for Trailer City Jehovah's witnesses harvested 40 acres of grain, free of charge, for the farmer who leased them his land. A mechanical shovel, volunteered and operated without charge by a Witness, dug ditches for eight miles of pipeline, while the installation crew set up 400 poles and strung 41 miles of wiring, and construction crews erected 78 buildings—enough to stretch, end to end, more than half a mile.

Careful, Sister!

Wash day at Trailer City

of roast beef, your choice of green or kidney beans, slaw, peaches, coffee, milk or fruit punch. The dining tables fill up without mishap. Beautiful strains of music from New World Radio Station WBBR steal through the dusk. You could not be soothed with sweeter music in the most exclusive ballroom in the world. And the atmosphere of peace, joy and good will could not be bought with money at any price.

"I see by your tag that you come from Nova Scotia, brother," a voice breaks across the table.

"Yes, we have a tent community of about forty down by the creek, all from Nova Scotia," is the reply. Then: "Oh, I see that *you* come from Indianapolis."

From table to table conversations like this are humming. All of it on new-world themes. Because there is nothing sad, depressing, forlorn or hopeless in any new-world theme, here is living new-world-style. What an atmosphere when all the conversation is joyful, peaceful, gladdening, inspiring, strengthening! So now you have caught the spirit.

Outside the cafeteria tents you come across acres and acres of picnickers. Tent dwellers are settled on lots 16 x 33 feet and trailers on lots 22 x 31½ feet. There are family groups, community groups. Some of these little lots, by previous planning, have brought together residents from across nations, even from across continents.

Ironing day

If there was one resident who came to the City without relatives or friends, it would be impossible to remain friendless here. All he has to do is cross over to the next lot and start talking. In an hour he can have dozens of new friends and brothers and sisters. If he spent all eight days going from one lot to another he would not find a stranger, whether in the lowliest tent or the sleekest trailer drawn by a Cadillac.

A new society? Well, take account. Where did you see any strife? Or hear any gossip or bragging? Who sounded puffed up? Who behaved indecently? Who was looking out merely for his own selfish interest? The City itself was planned and arranged and manned by 7,000 unpaid volunteer workers, who themselves lived at Trailer City. How many persons did you see get provoked? How many look as if they are holding grudges? Who appears unco-operative? Do you know any better way to describe *love* in action? The apostle Paul did not.—1 Corinthians 13.

By now the program from Yankee Stadium is over. Night has stolen on. New World Society Trailer City beds down for rest. Their tent and trailer doors are open. There is no fear of marauders, no call for locks and bolts. Young and old are drifting into slumber, their thoughts and feelings tendered by remembrances of things the speakers said during the day. One fragment especially lingers: "And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places."—Isaiah 32: 18, *Am. Stan. Ver.*

In the Ministry "Make Sure of All Things"

It is not enough that the ministers themselves are sure of all things they believe, but it is also necessary for them to "make their arguments sure in the minds of the good-will inquirers for the truth." In *"Make Sure of All Things"* Jehovah's ministers have this information available and sharp for ready and immediate use. The demonstrations chairmaned by E. A. Dunlap, instructor at Gilead, Monday evening were to prove this.

In the first demonstration we saw one of Jehovah's witnesses, H. Hilborn, calling on a householder, a D. Sydlik. By means of the handbook he was able to successfully meet his objection: "What beats me is how in the world every last one of you can claim to be a minister." The scriptures under the heading "Minister of God" gave the answer.

Lunch-hour witnessing

A return visit

The next demonstration illustrated how a factory worker, L. Aldrich, one of Jehovah's witnesses, during lunch hour was able to make sure in the minds of his workmates, S. Kraker and C. Chyke, that all races came from one original stock; and that Noah's curse of Canaan had nothing to do with the Negro race's being black, by referring to the scriptures found in the handbook under the heading "Races of Mankind."

In scene three was shown a return visit of Hilborn on Sydlik and his wife. During the discussion the use of the handbook (under the heading "Kingdom") helped to impress their minds with the scriptures showing that the Kingdom is a real government that flesh and blood cannot inherit, and that it is limited to 144,000.

In the next demonstration a family of five, Mr. and Mrs. Tedo and three children, illustrated how a family group can profit from a consideration of the handbook, especially in helping children to be sure of all things. All had copies of the handbook, and both father and mother took part in quizzing the children.

In scene five the use of the Bible handbook *"Make Sure of All Things"* in home Bible study was illustrated. The position taken on the cross was challenged by all those in attendance, but, by referring to what the handbook had to say on that subject in the way of scriptures and historical facts, the truth was established.

Then followed a scene in which J. N. Hendrix was thinking out loud while preparing a service meeting talk on the subject "God's Servants." By referring to the index he was able to find many leads for the various aspects of his subject. Commenting on this Mr. Dunlap further observed: "If you're assigned one of the major subjects listed among the 70, you'll find that your talk is just about outlined for you."

The value of the Bible handbook when Jehovah's witnesses come together for informal gatherings was highlighted in scene seven. As Mr. Dunlap pointed out in introducing this scene, it is ideal for Bible games or discussions. In the demonstration one was chosen to ask the

questions, based on subtitles in the handbook, and a point system was used. Answering the question correctly counted for a point, quoting or paraphrasing the scripture counted for two points, and correct and complete citation counted for two more points.

In the final scene, a service meeting was depicted in which those who had part in the previous scenes were presented and they summarized the points made.

Missionary Experiences

Preliminary to these demonstrations reports were given by six missionaries and full-time ministers in North American lands.

Missionary H. A. Woodard of Alaska told that he and another missionary, A. Errichetti, gave an impromptu lecture to a group of some hundred interested Indians in a log cabin.

Miss V. Dougaluk told of a devout Canadian Catholic obtaining a Bible but who, refusing further literature, found a booklet under a tablecloth. Reading it, he next attended a circuit assembly out of curiosity and returned announcing he was one of Jehovah's witnesses.

C. F. Barney told that as a result of "seven years of patient, persistent watering and weeding" two Newfoundlanders were today present with us at this assembly.

Miss M. Hinds, missionary in Panama, told of the progress being made there in spite of the slanders of Roman Catholic priests that they were harlots and who gave instructions to the common people to spit on, stone and drive out the missionaries.

W. B. Fowler of the United States, pioneer for 43 years, related how he had been arrested by the police in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, who admitted they were acting at the behest of the Roman Catholic clergy. The issue was taken to the Supreme Court, which, in a unanimous decision, vindicated him and gave the police officials a stinging rebuke.

And finally, Miss R. M. Dreyer spoke of the reception that the Watch Tower instructors get in Mexico; almost invariably the foremen or office managers allow them to speak to all the employees in their charge.

Reports and Ministry School

As soon as E. A. Dunlap's demonstrations closed, A. D. Schroeder introduced M. H. Larson, branch servant of the United States.

"Jehovah God is the master organizer," Mr. Larson began. His flawless purpose is to inhabit the earth with properly organized people. This he will do and is doing by building up the New World society. He recounted the progress from the year 1922 through 1952, from a mere 2,814 publishers to the present peak of more than 150,000.

Other branch servants followed. W. W. Blackburn from Honduras stated that seven years

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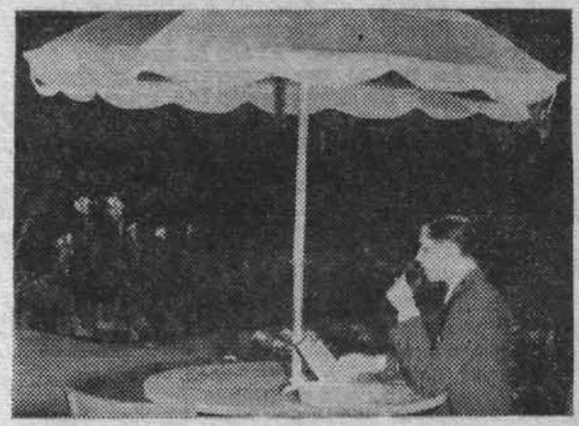
Family Bible study



Preparing a Talk

Left to right: Blackburn, Lozano, Larson

In the Ministry . . . (Cont'd)

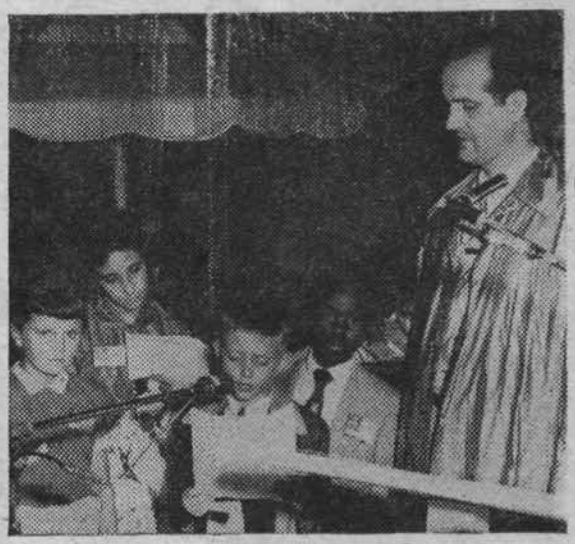
ago Gilead graduates entered Honduras with the desire to help people who were in spiritual distress, and the fifty delegates present at the assembly plus the more than four hundred that they left behind testify to Jehovah's blessing.

Mexico's branch servant, R. Lozano, called attention to the many obstacles that have to be overcome in his land. For example, said he, "we are registered as an educational organization and because of this and because there is no public worship in Mexico we cannot sing nor pray aloud in our meetings; we have to do it in silence or in private in our own homes.

"To go witnessing means to go on foot or on horseback and travel as far as 60 miles in the hills and spend days before returning home. Opposition by the Catholic hierarchy is sharp. Often the brothers are mobbed. At times the only way they can receive protection 'is by being put in jail until the mob cools down.'"

Amid shouts of joy the program chairman released a new Spanish publication *Songs to Jehovah's Praise*. The thunderous round of applause registered the thrill of this provision.

R. E. Morgan of Brooklyn Bethel followed with the discourse "Getting Full Value out of Your Ministry School." From Israel's day down to ours he traced the importance of training and teaching. He drove home the importance of parents' being at ministry school so that their children, who are "born imitators," will copy this proper example. Then he called to the platform several young brothers and sisters



Demonstrating the value of ministry school

(ages 9 to 11), whose short, logical talks, so clearly presented, proved the outstanding benefits of the ministry school. Parents beamed with joy as these children spoke. Some had tears in their eyes. Before them were living examples of the value of the school.

Knorr Talks to Branch Servants (Cont'd)

that in 1950 Puerto Rico reported 359 publishers; now 710 publishers are active.

Branch servant V. Winterburn, from Haiti, said that since 1945 Jehovah's witnesses have preached the truth in this island, and today a clean New World society of 200 flourishes there.

W. Simmonite reported that Kingdom Halls in the island of Jamaica are filled to overflowing. The clergy, maddened at this prosperity of Jehovah's people, are experiencing a dwindling flock, and this because of their openly admitted policy of "no pay, no clergy." Under the pressure from false religionists, the importation of literature to this island was stopped. But the brothers worked fast: a petition was circulated island-wide requesting officials to remove the ban. Jamaicans to the number of 140,000 signed this petition, and this in just three weeks' time—so quickly that the clergy could not get organized to oppose the work. Literature is now reaching this tropical isle.

Highway Count

On Friday before the convention while traveling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike a report from an actual count of the cars traveling east was that just 50 per cent of them were witnesses headed for New York. Twenty-five Western states and the five Western provinces of Canada were represented in the cars seen during the day by this one observer.

All the restaurants and refreshment stands along the turnpike were choked with the assembly-bound tourists. During the lunch hour every available spot beside the highway was occupied by groups from all parts of the western United States and Canada lunching together and sharing their anticipation of the coming assembly.

Tuesday Evening (Cont'd)

would beg them for money and jobs, thinking all Americans to be materially rich. But they soon learned that silver and gold Gilead missionaries did not bring, but they brought the never-deteriorating message of Jehovah's Word, making rich in God's Word many of the island's poor.

From St. Kitts, missionary W. F. Krueger stressed that back-calls are abundant. "Regularity and endurance" are key words for success, said he. New publishers from St. Kitts at the New World Society Assembly testify of its workableness.

A cleaner and more formidable organization was reported by branch servant R. D. Newton of the British West Indies. A wholesome, remarkable change has come over the organization here, he stated. "If you want increase tackle the job with enthusiasm." Increase comes through faith in Jehovah and in his organization; faith can move "mountains," if you will let it.

Tuesday Evening Session

Tuesday evening 120,509 conventioners assembled at Yankee Stadium and Trailer City as E. C. Chitty, secretary and treasurer of the International Bible Students Association, London, England, and for thirty years a member of the London Bethel family, spoke on "The Fruitage of the Spirit." Introducing this theme Mr. Chitty observed that this was not a matter of self-centered character development.

There are two main kinds of fruitage that Christians are admonished to bear: the message of truth, referred to in the illustrations of the sower and of the vine, which manifests itself in "every kind of field service"; and the fruitage of "every kind of goodness and righteousness," which concerns our daily life, personality and disposition. It was this latter fruitage, mentioned at Galatians 5: 22, that was discussed.

The first is love. Cultivating this fruitage is not a matter of resolving each morning to do so, but rather a matter of thorough study, growing in appreciation of Jehovah's way of love. This will result in a deep and burning desire to express that same quality. "Love is like that. It wants to express itself. It wants to be active." Yes, "become imitators of God" and "go on walking in love," by attending all meetings and sharing in all the various features of the service.

Continuing, in regard to other fruitage, the speaker observed: "Do your brothers and sisters find your company refreshing with never a fear of finding you harsh or unsympathetic?" Or "are you easily short with your brothers, ready to snap their heads off, in a spirit of impatience and irritation?" 'Joy comes from association with brothers, as at this assembly, from feeding on the truth and from field service.'

To bear the spirit's fruitage we must put the interests of God's community above our personal interests. At times this may mean denying ourselves that which in itself may be legitimate but which might cause misgivings among our brothers.

It also means faith, not only in God, but also in the things God has faith in: his Son, his Word, his purposes, his organization, and transmitting that faith to others. And finally, self-control. That is the opposite of the spirit of the world, with its giving way to passion, fits of anger, etc. It means disciplining ourselves and submitting to Jehovah's disciplining as done through his organization.

Questions Answered

After Chitty, came T. J. Sullivan, one of the board of directors of the Watch Tower Society and for thirty years a member of the Brooklyn Bethel family. He dealt with service questions, all of which involved the matter of keeping the organization clean by cutting off, "disfellowshiping," those who have shown themselves unfit to be recognized as members of the New World society.

When gossiping is persisted in and causes friction and division it serves as basis for disfellowshiping. It is Scriptural to notify the Society, the circuit servant and congregations that may need such information of a person's being disfellowshiped, as disfellowshiping from one congregation is a cutting off from all congregations.

After Sullivan, H. H. Riemer, also a member of the board of directors of the Watch Tower Society, and for some forty years a member of the Brooklyn Bethel family, answered a number of Bible questions. Among the points he made was that there is no basis for concluding that the Pleiades is the seat of God's throne, nor that it is the center of the universe. (Job 38: 31, 32) God's Word divides between soul and spirit in that it reveals the difference between the course of action taken by the fleshly organism, soul, and the mental attitude, disposition, spirit.—Hebrews 4: 12.

Other Reports

Telegrams, carrying love from lands far and near, had preceded the opening of the evening session. From 6: 45 to 7: 30 p.m. missionaries and branch servants told of experiences and theocratic growth in the isles of the Atlantic.

The Virgin Islands sent its love through T. E. Klein, who told of the zealous efforts to keep the organization clean and to contact all new interest.

From the Dominican Republic, where witnessing is limited, missionaries M. Aniol and Jetha Adams recounted briefly how the preaching is done in their area. Many brothers have been imprisoned. Denied privileges, they have abounded in experiences. A brother was incarcerated and friends were unable to visit with him. They were fearful for his health, but when finally they learned of his whereabouts, it was discovered he was actually gaining weight, because a study had been started with an inmate whose mother always managed to bring a double portion of food. Since the ban there has been a readjustment; a new peak of publishers has been attained. The Dominican Republic was proud to announce to the New World Society Assembly that "the purpose of persecution has been defeated"!

Branch servant E. Van Daalen and missionary R. Gonzalez were anxious to tell about Cuba. "There is now one Jehovah's witness for every 546 persons in Cuba," said the branch servant. There are now three times as many pioneers in Cuba as there were publishers in all the island in 1938! The organization is being cleansed. Grandfathers and grandmothers are legalizing their marriages, to conform themselves to Jehovah's righteous law.

Follow up all leads, encouraged J. R. Doering, as do the brothers in the island of Barbados. Their earnest desire to reach the sheep has led to spiritual freedom to some in literal prisons. It takes time, patience and a lot of work, but the reward is well worth it.

W. E. Cammers related that four years ago when missionaries entered St. Lucia people

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Knorr Pushes House-to-House Training *(Cont'd)*

Old-world habits must be changed. We cannot buy our way into the new world. Nor can we insult Jehovah by offering a minimum of our time. We have dedicated ourselves to him, and Christ Jesus has bought us. So let us give Jehovah first claim on our time.

After Knorr outlined the new work for circuit and district servants and special pioneers, T. J. Sullivan from the Society's headquarters addressed the assembly on "How to Help the Congregation Servants." If this new campaign is to be effective, he said, we must be organized. The circuit servant cannot do it all alone. He will have to look to the servants in the congregation. The training work is to be carried out in a loving way, in order not to cause embarrassment to anyone.

The assembly was then forewarned that the Devil will oppose this campaign and try to discourage us. The antidote: "Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the holy spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God." —Acts 20:28, *New World Trans.*

R. E. Morgan, also from Bethel, next spoke on "Why the Branch Office Needs a Report on the Congregations." The circuit servant is the eyes and ears of the branch office. Circuit servant reports enable branch offices to assist the local congregations. "When a change in servants is recommended," he said, "the reason for such changes should be clearly shown in the report." Older servants are not to be replaced by younger ones unless there is sound reason. Special care should be taken before appointing a young brother as a servant.

"The Society is interested in every congregation regardless of size," said H. E. Miller, who next spoke on "The Society's Interest in the Congregation After the Servant's Visit." Each report, he said, is given careful attention. The Society compares the circuit servant's new report with a previous one in order to see what progress has been made. The assembly was surprised to know what tremendous effort the Society exerts by writing personal letters in assisting congregations. Miller explained that 3,000 personal letters are written to individual congregations every six months!

Concluding the morning symposium of speakers was Percy Chapman, speaking on "Your Isolated Territory." Many isolated territories can be found right here in the United States and Canada, he said. The problem is one of reaching the territory. "Will the Society provide for special pioneers to undertake the preaching service in such areas?" he asked. Circuit servants should write to the Society to find out if assistance should be given them. It may be possible for the nearest congregation to handle isolated territory, either by working it on week ends or during the week.

4,640 Baptized! *(Cont'd)*

ers living in the area added color as they filled nearby apartment house windows, fire escapes and rooftops to view the unusual sight. Those on the street below stopped to marvel as they saw the sidewalk packed for a block from the pool with those waiting to get into the dressing rooms.

Of special interest was the nonnationalistic aspect of this spectacle—persons of many races, colored and white. Notable, too, was the fact that young and old were represented, making this step symbolizing their dedication to God.

In his lecture Steele said true baptism is a symbol of unreserved, wholehearted dedication to Jehovah, the same as Jesus' immersion was. Jesus was completely immersed under water. Sprinkling or other means practiced by false religious systems has no symbolic meaning. Infant baptism likewise is unscriptural, since the baptized one must make his dedication *before* baptism takes place.

Steele stressed the baptized one's new position and responsibility: "You are dedicated to more than a job, or a work to do. You are dedicated to a person, to Jehovah, and you must keep that relationship sacred."

Buses being loaded to take immersion candidates to pool

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BOOKLET RELEASED!

Prepared Especially for Eastern Lands

Proves Bible Authenticity

—By Science
—By Medicine
—By Archaeology
—By Prophecy

Although Thursday, July 23, saw New York city's heaviest rainfall in 81 years, the sun was shining when Mr. N. H. Knorr, president of the Watch Tower Society, thrilled the many thousands of Christian ministers who had braved the storm earlier in the day with news of the release of a 64-page booklet, *Basis for Belief in a New World*. The release of this booklet, especially prepared for use in non-"Christian" lands to establish faith in the Bible as God's Word, climaxed the two-and-a-half-hour program entitled "How Do You Witness to Oriental People and Cultivate Interest in the Bible?"

Just before this Mr. Knorr released a number of publications in Asiatic tongues.

The program was presided over by W. L. Thornton of the Brooklyn Bethel, who introduced it by calling attention to the problem of how to witness to the millions of persons who do not recognize the Bible as an authority, not to say anything of the millions who never even heard of it. Also, how can the increasing number of atheists and godless ones be witnessed to? Branch servants and other representatives from eight Asiatic lands were called upon to tell of the work in their lands and how they overcome prejudice against the Bible.

First to be heard from was W. Carnie of Hong Kong, the "crossroads of the world." After a greeting in the Chinese tongue he gave a brief description of this British island colony bursting at the seams with two and a half million inhabitants. Missionaries began with a few Chinese sentences memorized and a card written in Chinese, which proved very effective. The people there are very friendly and the work has seen an increase from 20 to 56 publishers in just two years.

Present with Carnie on the platform was Miss Chow, in native costume, one of the first helpers of the missionary activity in Hong Kong and who herself was a Buddhist before learning the truth of the Bible. With her he demonstrated how to overcome prejudice of the Oriental against Western peoples. One mad dog does not mean that all dogs are mad. One bad European does not mean that all Europeans are bad. Also, if a person is sick, would he refuse help from a doctor because his race, nationality or religion is different? If one were hungry would he refuse food from one not of his own people? When life is involved, such distinctions seem very insignificant. So with this message, we should judge it on its merits and not by the race, nationality or religion of the one bringing it.

Next, Thornton called on R. Kirk of Burma, a land the size of Texas and having eight-

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Booklet Released! *(Cont'd)*

een million inhabitants. Orientals understandably judge the Bible by the Western civilization that brings it to them, and so have no use for it. With his wife, Mr. Kirk demonstrated how to overcome this prejudice against the Bible. The mere fact that a person has a book does not prove that he follows it. There are bad Buddhists, Hindus and Moslems that do not follow their writings. Those writings should not be judged by such. Neither should Orientals judge the Bible by those Westerners who do not follow it.

Further, the Bible is not a Western book. Most of it was written in Eastern lands. But neither is it an Eastern book. Jehovah God, its Author, is not of the East, nor of the West alone, he is God of all the universe. Neither is he a Jewish, Catholic nor Protestant God.

Proceeding next to India, Thornton observed that one out of six of earth's population are Indians and that their land "is a colorful mosaic of races, religions and cultures," and then called on F. Skinner, branch servant of India, to tell of the work there. Why only 668 ministers of Jehovah are to be found among India's 361 millions became apparent as Skinner continued: "The average Indian is an exceedingly proud man." He is "so proud of his religion that he believes he knows all there is to know about the mysteries of life," and he has the greatest disdain for the claims that the Bible is inspired and that Christ Jesus is the only way to salvation.

Indian group leaves platform. Branch servant Skinner is followed by Brother Joseph

With Skinner on the platform were R. Cottrill, Gilead missionary from India, and Brother Joseph, who accepted the truth in 1905 and met C. T. Russell, first president of the Watch Tower Society, when he toured India in 1912, and who made a few remarks on his joy in preaching in India. Also in the demonstration were two recent graduates of Gilead who came from India.

The Gilead missionaries gave several demonstrations answering objections of Orientals to the Bible, based on the premise: Why should they take the Bible seriously when Western clergymen prefer evolution to the Bible and Western scientists reject it as unscientific?

Missionary work in Pakistan was next discussed by Fred Gott of the Brooklyn Bethel and H. Forrest, branch servant in Pakistan, a land formed in 1947 because of the Islamic religion of its eighty million.

In Pakistan very, very few women are seen on the street. The vast majority are kept out of sight in the Islamic condition known as "purdah" (female segregation), instituted by Mohammed, leaving their house perhaps only once a year on the annual feast day.

Consequently a woman missionary can expect unfavorable comments and stares when standing on the street offering the magazines, and to be almost mobbed when offering leaflets to passers-by. And it would be most unwise to go from door to door without an escort, as coming alone might be taken by a Moslem to mean that she is a woman of easy virtue.

On the other hand, male missionaries must also exercise extreme care. They dare not push aside the burlap garden curtain and enter without first ascertaining that a man is present. Should he enter and a husband discover him talking to his wife, he may be misunderstood and receive not only sharp words but also a sharp knife.

Next heard from was Korea, Thornton introducing missionary D. Steele, who has been a real aid to the witnesses in that war-torn land. In spite of all the hardships, the work in

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Korea has seen more than a 1,000 per cent increase in less than two years, and 90 per cent have been witnesses only a matter of months. In June of this year 86 were baptized, the highest number yet in any one month.

Among the faithful old sisters in Korea was one who had taken her stand long before the Japanese occupation. When the Japanese came they tried to force her to bow down to a Shinto shrine. Refusing to do so, they chained her, in a bowing position, to a large stone and kept her that way for two years, in a vain attempt to cause her to yield.

Of Korea's twenty-two million, twenty-one million do not accept the Bible as authority; so, appropriately, by means of a demonstration, Mr. Steele and his wife illustrated how faith in the Bible can be induced by establishing the creditability of the account of the Noachian flood. Bringing greetings from Korea was Miss Yun, a charming young miss who will attend the next class of the Gilead missionary school. Both Miss Yun and E. Steele wore colorful Korean costumes.

Thailand (Siam), another Far Eastern land, was represented on the program by Mr. Babinski, branch servant. Many Watch Tower missionaries have been sent to Thailand, so a widespread witness is being given there. For the year 1953 Thailand saw a 41 per cent increase in witnesses over 1952.

After this report Mr. Laakso, missionary from Thailand, together with Miss Somsri, native Thailander, who attended the 20th class of Gilead, demonstrated how to interest Thailanders in the Bible by pointing out how modern medical science supports the Mosaic law in such matters as unclean animals, quarantine of lepers and dead bodies.

Leaving Thailand, Thornton then took his convention listeners south to another British Crown colony, Singapore. Its report was given by Mr. W. Yaremchuk, branch servant there, and also a Gilead graduate. Before 1947 only one witness was active there; now there are 130, including seven missionaries.

In Singapore it is hard to distinguish between professed Christian and pagan homes, as not only Catholic homes have images and shrines, as do the pagans, but even Protestants as well. When the image of Fatima was brought there by the Catholics, thousands of pagans as well as Protestants flocked to kiss its foot.

After giving this report, the branch servant, at the instance of Thornton, gave a demonstration with Brother Fong, also of Singapore, on how facts regarding fulfillment of Bible prophecy could be used to establish faith in the Bible as God's Word.

The final Asiatic land to be heard from in this most inter-

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W. Thornton, native Thailander Miss Somsri and Thailand branch servant Babinski

Korean missionary Steele and wife Earline, right, and Miss Yun

Knorr presents new booklet to be used specially in Asiatic lands

Global Enemy Attack at Armageddon

Alarm Sounded—Forces Cataclysmic

For years Jehovah's witnesses have been desiring to obtain a detailed Biblical description of the strategy and maneuvers leading to Armageddon. That desire was completely fulfilled at Thursday night's session of the convention when F. W. Franz, vice-president of the Watch Tower Society, delivered a most stirring lecture entitled "New World Society Attacked from the Far North."

At a full stadium, including overflow places, the audience, numbering 112,700, reacted enthusiastically. Close attention was given to F. W. Franz' verse-by-verse study of the Bible prophecy of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39.

In no uncertain terms, F. W. Franz sounded the alarm of Armageddon. He showed that Gog, the principal character of that prophecy, refers to Satan himself. The land of Magog refers to the location of the spirit forces of Satan in a limited spiritual realm near earth's vicinity following their expulsion from heaven by 1918. The prophetic references to Meshech, Tubal, Gomer, Put and other places apply to various elements of Satan's *earthly* organization.

These widely scattered Biblical places to the north and south actually describe a global conspiracy of all anti-Jehovah peoples to attack and destroy Jehovah's New World society here on earth. It is the present prosperity, unity and security of Jehovah's people that causes a jealous, evil desire on the part of Satan's hordes to eliminate Jehovah's people once and for all. Since 1914-1918 Satan, along with his name, has suffered great humiliation and decline. At this same time the name of Jehovah has become famous and has been rising to the fore in all the earth to produce the greatest issue of all time.

Of what does the prosperity of Jehovah's people on earth consist? Not of material wealth, but of having Jehovah's name upon them, of being a new nation and a distinct people, of having the most powerful message on earth. Actually, the restored remnant is the most interesting, worth-while thing God has on earth.

Time after time the vast throng applauded Franz' bold, unequivocal exposures of Jehovah's enemies. He said, "Gog's attack is nothing less than a low-down, premeditated outrage against Jehovah God, a violent expression of disesteem for Jehovah's name and a sneering contempt for those who bear it and try to live up to it. Gog's attack is putting Jehovah God to the test, and that beyond the point of tolerance."

That time of global attack is near and puts the faith of every one of Jehovah's witnesses to a supreme test. "Be from now on never relaxing guard," said Franz. "Jehovah's witnesses have to know of Armageddon in advance" that they may be forewarned and forearmed, he showed. "Let us not be careless in our great prosperity."

Actually, Jehovah God maneuvers satanic Gog by bringing him out into the open. The prophecy describes this by saying Jehovah puts "hooks into his jaws." Blinded by conceit, satanic Gog thinks to put a feather in his cap by crushing the small remnant of Jehovah's witnesses yet on earth. "Let Gog now have his wish so that Jehovah will rise up and show his matchless power."

Jehovah's New World society amounts to the pupil of Jehovah's eye. When Gog and his forces seek to touch God's anointed here on earth, Jehovah will rise up in his fury and "ALL SHALL KNOW THAT I AM JEHOVAH." Franz went on then to give a graphic description of the greatest battle of universal history, the battle of Armageddon. He said, "Let the nations loose all their atomic and hydrogen bombs, but these will prove to be ineffective in comparison to Jehovah's supernatural power."

The Bible shows that Gog's forces will be "shaken with surprise, consternation, fright, collapse of government and management, panic, wild anarchy, fratricidal warfare, tremendous upheavals of earth, landslides, falling defense and protection edifices, cloudbursts, overflowing flash floods, rain of corrosive liquid fire, terror in the air, on land, in the sea; the sun and the atmosphere will generate and release millions of times more energy than modern science can by detonating a hundred atom bombs at once."

Through all this terrific storm Jehovah's New World society, in every part of the earth, will be secure and preserved. Amid great enthusiastic applause Franz concluded, "Courage, then, every one of you of the New World society! If we keep trusting in Jehovah and proving our trust by holding loyal to his theocratic government and to the proclaiming of the good news of his kingdom by Christ, we have no need to fear, neither from the formidable appearance of Gog's mob nor from the awesomeness of Jehovah's supreme display of his battle might. . . . God grant us to maintain our stand here immovable by ceaseless activity and a vigilant guard until his sublime victory over Gog and Magog!"

Miracle of Spiritual Feeding

Preceding Franz' graphic Armageddon lecture, A. D. Schroeder, of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead, delivered a 30-minute talk entitled "What Did You Learn from *The Watchtower* Last Year?" He said that "ours is a common prospective deliverance at Armageddon. We have a common faith, a common foldlike society, a common feeding program and are under the common leadership of our reigning King, Christ

Jesus." He went on to show how the collective spiritual feeding of hundreds of thousands of Jehovah's witnesses in 127 lands today is nothing short of a modern-day miracle. "Jehovah God has spread a common spiritual table through his 'faithful and discreet slave' channel, the Watch Tower Society."

He proceeded to review many of the new points of truth revealed during 1952. He pointed out that during 1952 emphasis was placed on Jehovah's witnesses' dwelling together as a common new-world people. The effort was made through *The Watchtower* to arouse consciousness of the fact that we are a community of new people, that the organization must be kept clean, or otherwise community condemnation will come upon us as an organization, as it has upon unfaithful Christendom.

Sowing and Reaping in Asia

Thursday evening's reports by Asian branch servants were particularly interesting, because they covered lands where the Bible was written and where most of its history occurred. D. L. Tuttle, missionary, gave a brief history of the theocratic organization in Lebanon, a country of 1,200,000, where the first seeds of this good news of the established kingdom were planted 25 years ago and where there are now 426 ministers.

The so-called "Christian" clergy by a play on Arabic words call the witnesses of Jehovah "Jews of Jehovah," to stir up Moslem hatred against them. But when the government was moved by this toward deporting the missionaries, 50,000 tracts explaining the facts were quickly distributed, the minister of foreign affairs acted, and resident permits for the missionaries were renewed.

Moslem women do not customarily go publicly from door to door. But the congregations were told that such preaching is a requirement upon women as well as men, as shown in Joel 2:28, 29. Now nearly half the publishers are sisters, with five of them full-time ministers. This enables the witnesses to have the Moslem homes opened to them.

F. G. Stebbing explained how the organization on the island of Ceylon, of eight million population speaking the Singhalese and Tamil languages, is advancing to maturity. In 1952 a "maturity campaign" was instituted. Signs were erected on the road pointing to the Kingdom Hall and cards giving the Kingdom Hall location were given with each book placed. Publishers increased from 29 to 41. The additional encouragement given by an assembly in Calcutta, India, to which the brothers traveled 1,500 miles, brought the total active ministers in Ceylon to 51, a 75 per cent increase in six months!

J. Chimiklis reported on the Arab countries of the Middle East, where, among seventy million inhabitants, there were hardly any ministers five years ago. Now there are Kingdom preachers in Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho. A home Bible study is being held on Mount Zion, and a circuit assembly was recently held in ancient Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus.

Here, as in Lebanon, the "Christian" clergy attempt to foment Moslem hatred, hypocritically calling the Hebrew Scriptures "Jewish propaganda."

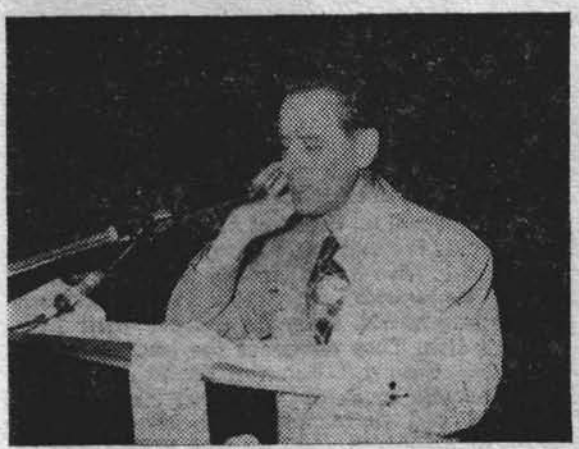
Because of these hypocrites much persecution is heaped upon Jehovah's witnesses, yet they have been recognized by officials as true Christians and not as politicians, nor as Zionists. Truly the scenes of Jehovah's mighty acts of old are beholding victories and miracles today.

Patience and Persistence in Asia

Other reports were given during the evening session of Asia Day, while the air was clean and cool and fleecy clouds hung low.

F. H. Thomas, missionary from Thailand, said, "Patience and persistency" are necessary to help these people into the truth. Young people are giving up secular work "to get more theocratic training and instruction" in the local congregation. These are making excellent witnesses.

Ruth Hemmig of Turkey told of a young Jewish brother who witnessed to his Moslem working partner. This young Turk was recently baptized, and a fellow Greek workman called it a miracle "that a Jew could convince a Moslem to become a Christian!"



F. W. Franz, Society vice-president

A. D. Schroeder, Gilead registrar

Vigorous Fight for Freedom

Society's Legal Counsel Gives Stirring Report

M. G. Henschel Discusses Opposition

Wednesday evening H. C. Covington, the Watch Tower's legal counsel, likened his 125,000 listeners to lawyers, lawyers who are all teaching the law of God to men of good will. In his address "They Oppose Freedom of Worship" he pointed out that Jehovah's witnesses are opposed world-wide. Their way of worship is the target. In the United States the Supreme Court has protected their freedom of worship.

H. C. Covington

To get this, however, Jehovah's witnesses had to ask the court to reverse itself, which it did in two instances. Now the decisions by that court have been multiplied. They total 46, all involving the preaching of Jehovah's witnesses.

Hundreds of other courts have followed the Supreme Court in protecting Jehovah's witnesses. Most recently, the courts have pushed back laws used to stop them from building their church-meeting places. Also lately, the Green River law was declared unconstitutional in the state in which it originated. The fight of the witnesses has made their way of worship the law of the land.

Other countries have not been so liberal to the witnesses, Covington continued. Their judges do not have the power that American judges enjoy. Judges of other lands cannot say that a law is of no value. Jehovah's witnesses have asked that the law be read so that their preaching work is not touched by the law. In Switzerland, Norway, Luxembourg and Canada they have succeeded. But an important case from Quebec now hangs in the balance, or in the hands of nine judges in the Supreme Court of Canada. Use of clergy evidence in the case was rebuked in a preliminary ruling by all nine judges.

Covington expressed thanks to Jehovah God for locating the Watch Tower Society in the United States. It could not fight for its rights in some other country.

In their fights Jehovah's witnesses throughout the world give a big place to prayer. They pray for rulers and judges to allow them freedom to worship and preach on the streets and from door to door. They recount modern and Bible instances where prayers to make rulers do God's will have been answered. To get answers to their prayers Jehovah's witnesses must continue pushing ahead. They do what God commands by preaching, doing so even though Caesar commands that they refrain.

Continuing, the speaker pointed out that Jehovah's witnesses do not run away from their territory, not even in Communist countries. They stay even where there are trouble and death in their path. They make no plans to evacuate or leave their field, as do the clergy of Vatican City. Jehovah's witnesses love the flock. They do not milk them dry and run away from them as the Catholic clergy. They stick with their sheep as a good shepherd, even when it means loss of everything.

"Yankee Stadium does not have two fighters in it tonight, as is usual in a boxing match. It is filled —and tied in with it Trailer City and the overflow meeting tent—with more than 125,000 fighters for the new world. They do not use their fists, but their lips. They advertise the leading fighter of all time, the great Warrior, Christ Jesus their King. He will knock out Satan at Armageddon. This will end permanently all persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. Jehovah God proves that he is always with his witnesses and against those

that oppose them. He will prove that both he and his witnesses are right on all vital questions of this day." Time and time again thunderous applause greeted the telling points made.

Opposition in Our Day

At 7:30 the convention had heard with pleasure M. G. Henschel, one of the board of directors, on the stirring subject "The Day of Salvation." He pointed out that Jehovah is the God of salvation and that his day of salvation is from 1914 until Armageddon. It is the time during which the tribulation against Satan's organization was shortened so that some flesh, a great crowd, could be saved.

He then drew a parallel between Daniel's experience in the lions' den, as recorded at Daniel 6, with that of Jehovah's witnesses in modern times. The only complaint they could find against Daniel was regarding his worship, and his upright life was a part of that worship. So today, Jehovah's witnesses are known as the most law-abiding people in the world, decent, honest, integrity-keepers. Though small in number they are hated because of the message they bring to the people, and so, like Daniel's enemies, they frame laws against the witnesses.

In 1933, when Jehovah's witnesses were first arrested in Germany, many were released by honest and fair judges. But then the Reich's minister ordered the courts not to let any legal obstacles stand in the way of finding the witnesses guilty; the facts and the law must be construed in order to be used to imprison them. Today there is no justice in such countries as the Belgian Congo, Dominican Republic and behind the Iron Curtain. Like Daniel, thousands have been incarcerated in these lands, but, also like Daniel, this does not break their faith or cause them to stop preaching, and, as a result, persons are baptized right in prisons and concentration camps. More persecution can be expected.

To men of the world the position of Jehovah's witnesses seems most unrealistic and hopeless, even as did Daniel's when he was cast into the den of lions. But, trusting in Jehovah, they will be delivered even as was Daniel, and their conspiring enemies will be destroyed at the Armageddon climax of the day of salvation.

M. G. Henschel

SMOOTH HANDLING OF CROWDS

"So far as we are concerned, you people are running your own convention. We sort of stay in the background and watch what goes on," observed Yankee Stadium's assistant superintendent John Anderson. "One thing we like about you people," Mr. Anderson commented, "is that you leave the stadium in as good a condition or better than it was when you took it over."

"We are all set up to leave it in good condition after this assembly," McLaughlin assured him.

James Reagen, Allied Maintenance's supervisor, said that "co-operation is one hundred per cent both ways." Mr. Anderson lauded the co-operation of the labor unions, the police and other city departments, "and everyone associated with Yankee Stadium's operation."

When a convention of a hundred thousand people behave so well that the management turns the operation of one of the world's largest stadiums over to them, to run as they please, there must be some extraordinary system regulating their deportment.

There is: the New World society's Attendant department. Jehovah's witnesses need no one to dictate their movements—they do not have to be ordered or ushered about. All they need is someone around at the right time to tell them where to go, and sometimes to assist them in getting there—in other words, directional attendants.

The staff of attendants, all volunteer workers, grew in number from 2,700 on Monday to 3,400 on Wednesday, and will pass the 5,000 mark by the climax Sunday, Nicholas Kovalak, attendant director, estimated.

Tidbit

When a lapel-pin-identified conventioner stopped for a sandwich at Nevins and Schermerhorn Streets in Brooklyn, the waiter called out, "One new-world sandwich!"

"What's that?" querried the conventioner.

"That," replied the waiter, "is just perfect!"

Four New Tracts!

120,677 Hear Stirring African Reports

Four beautifully illustrated tracts with catchy titles now available for field service! An enthusiastic crowd welcomed the release with deafening applause. The aids offer new weapons to defeat the enemy and comfort mourners. Note the titles: "Do You Believe in Evolution or the Bible?" "Which Is the Right Religion?" "The Sign of Christ's Presence," "Man's Only Hope for Peace." What an appropriate climax for the afternoon!

First, L. A. Swingle appropriately and forcefully drove home "The Purpose of Our Witnessing." "Why do you go from house to house?" he began. "Why do you stand on the streets?" "Why do you conduct Bible studies?" These are questions the old world is asking, but you know why you do these things.

God has raised up witnesses to declare his purpose before mankind. Mr. Swingle pointed out from the Scriptures how Abel was the first of such witnesses for Jehovah, and that they have continued down to this very day, and how these have sacrificed all, material goods and life, to bring this message to mankind. He told of Jesus' being the greatest witness ever to walk the earth.—Revelation 3:14.

What is the witnessing accomplishing? His answer was: It is dividing the sheep from the goats, the righteous from the wicked. But the chief end of the witness "is the vindication of Jehovah God and his name." To help us in this grand ministry, he announced the grand release of the FOUR BRAND-NEW TRACTS!

Approaching People at Doors

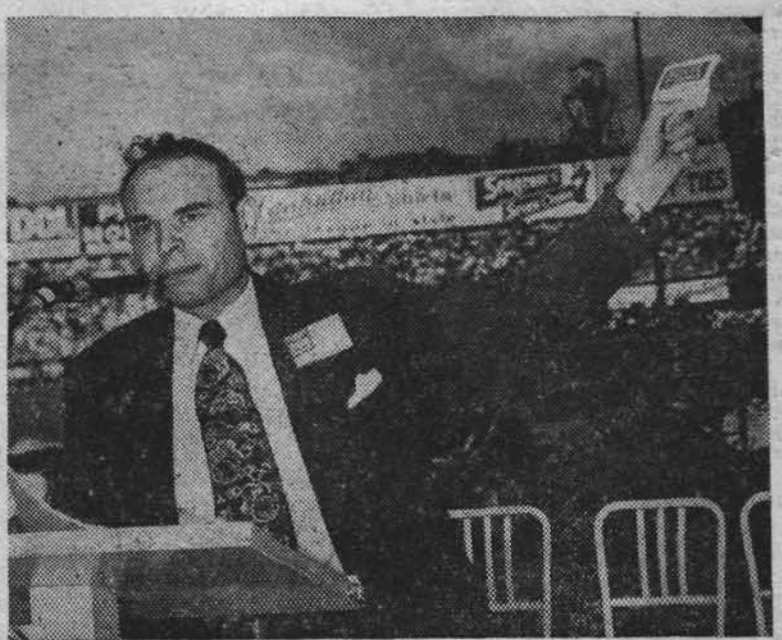
J. A. Thompson, Jr., discussed the Scripturalness of the door-to-door work. The apostles, he declared, 'continued every day in the temple and from house to house without letup teaching and declaring the good news about the Christ, Jesus.'—Acts 5:42.

Meet this work positively and not negatively. Love will help us fulfill this obligation. It necessitates regularly attending all meetings. Proper mental and physical preparation are required. A good, clean presentation of self and literature is important. Always be friendly and respectful whether those contacted listen or not.

When at the doors how do you greet the people? inquired P. D. M. Rees. The initial approach and opening words are absolutely vital. Make them count. Keep the conversation on an agreeable and pleasant basis. Be positive and persuasive, but not dogmatic and tactless. To illustrate how to gain and hold interest, Brother Hopley, a circuit servant from Scotland, offered these suggestions:

To someone who abruptly says: "What can I do for you?" you might answer something like this: "Well, it may surprise you, but I've called to do something for you." If the householder replies, "I haven't time," answer: "You are busy—so am I. I won't keep you—but." Be new and different in your presentation. Look for talking points. Try asking pointed questions. Keep the conversation going on a common ground of agreement. Be pleasant and direct in presentation. Say, "I can see you would like to have these books." We go to the doors to "magnify Jehovah," "explain his truth," and vindicate his Word and name.

"Results" count. Are you getting results in your door-to-door witnessing? questioned D. A. Adams of Bethel. Maybe we ex-



L. A. Swingle releasing new tracts to enthusiastic audience

pect a great harvest when we do not plant. If you have planted, it may be that you are not cultivating and caring for these sprouting plants.

As a start in the house-to-house work why not try going with magazines. Instead of rushing by, take your time. Talk to the people. On interest, make back-calls. Many studies have been started.

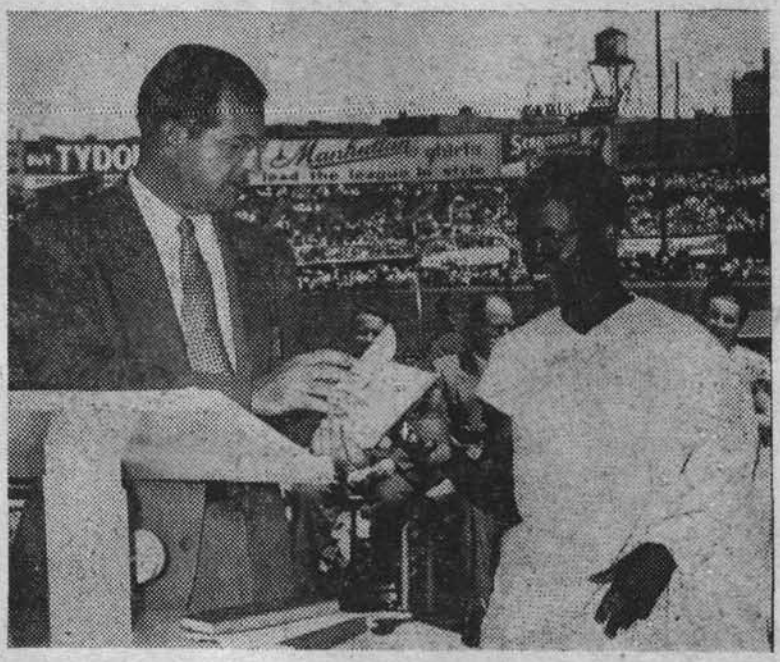
Ministerial Requirements

At 2:00 p.m. A. H. Macmillan, long a full-time representative of the Society and at present serving at the Society's headquarters in connection with the New World Radio Station WBBR, addressed the assembly on "Requirements Necessary for the Ministry." He explained how Jesus trained his followers in the requirements for the ministry. We must meet the requirements today. What are they? Full dedication to Jehovah, a knowledge of his Word, ability to teach others and to show them how to preach the Kingdom message. To meet these requirements one should attend all congregation meetings, circuit, district and international assemblies.

Also outstanding in the clear, comfortable weather of Friday afternoon were the excellent recordings of Kingdom songs sung by the African brothers of Northern Rhodesia. Brother Knorr reminded the assembly that these brothers were singing from memory and without an orchestra, yet the harmonious and spirited singing so delighted the conventioners that the assembly broke out in thunderous applause of appreciation. Following the songs, President Knorr released five new publications for use in the African field.

On the green grass in front of the speaker's platform conventioners could see the figures that answered the question mark on Africa Day's program: An increase from 1952's 32 lands and 72,195 publishers to 1953's 34 lands and 78,305 publishers.

At 1:30 p.m. delegates from ten African lands related experiences showing how the African increase came from diligent house-to-house and Bible-study work. In Northern Rhodesia,



F. A. Ahuama from Nigeria receiving new African publications from N. H. Knorr

J. Fergusson said that the African brothers travel long distances on foot through lion-infested country and rivers teeming with crocodiles to come to meetings. He added, "Congregation book studies are often more than a day's walking distance from the central congregation."

Following Macmillan's stirring address, the program's question "What Is Happening in Africa?" was answered by eight branch servants and representatives from Africa. First was G. R. Watkins from Liberia. He said that when the first missionaries were sent to Liberia the Kingdom work was in a very poor condition. In less than six months, seven publishers were immersed.

There a publisher who could not read conducted a Bible study with an old lady who could read. She reads to him and he explains it to her. "This way I have learned many wonderful things about God that I never knew before," she said. The essential thing is not being able to read, but taking in information at meetings and understanding. A Liberian radio station regularly broadcasts the WBBR program featuring Mr. Robbins and Mr. Lee in "Things People Are Thinking About."

Then E. A. Jacobs said that 1923 saw the opening of the Kingdom work in Sierra Leone. But a marked increase did not occur in that land until the elimination of the morally unclean conditions of polygamy and common-law marriage began to be effected. To assure a clean organization the branch servant sent letters to congregations advising brothers to become Scripturally married within a six-month period. Now the increase is on, and last April a new peak of 135 publishers was reached.

Branch servant P. Spiropoulos next described the preaching work in the land of the Nile, Egypt. Here twenty-one and a half million people practice the state religion, Islam. Many languages are spoken in this land, presenting not a little problem for the brothers. Publishers frequently go two by two so that if one brother does not know the language spoken the other brother may know it and can give the witness. During Bible studies, ministers must often use two and three, or

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even four languages. A missionary home was recently opened in the second-largest city, Alexandria. In 1947 when the branch office was established, Brother Spiropoulos said that there were only 68 publishers. Today there are more than 264, thirteen of them attending this assembly.

W. C. Walden next thrilled the assembly by telling of the remarkable increase in the Gold Coast. Whole villages, he said, have turned to new-world living. The astounding increase? From 3,859 publishers last September to 5,113 reporting now. They average 16 hours per publisher a month.

F. A. Ahuama told the assembly that the truth is prospering in Nigeria in spite of the fact that Jehovah's righteous principles come into sharp conflict with the long-established tribal practices and customs. Back in 1947 only 3,600 praisers were found in Nigeria; today they number over 13,600.

Concluding "What Is Happening in Africa?" P. Bridle reported on Nyasaland. He told the assembly that the Kingdom work is advancing in two ways: By increasing in number and by advancing toward maturity. He said that 80 per cent of the people in the country cannot read or write. When these people accept the truth, they learn how to cite and quote Bible texts in a way that is surprising. Describing the unusual conditions found in Nyasaland, he said that sometimes circuit assemblies are interrupted by rhinoceroses walking across the space between speaker and audience.

What is happening in Africa? An unbounded increase!

WHAT'S NEW?

How many new things could be available at just one convention? Through Wednesday twenty-nine releases had been made. Then came *What Has Religion Done for Mankind?* in Finnish and Swedish; *"This Means Everlasting Life"* in French, Twi and Yoruba; *God's Way Is Love* in German, Twi and Italian; *Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?* in Turkish and Japanese; *Evolution versus The New World* in Hebrew and Chinese; *Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?* in Siamese, Ibo and Yoruba, and *"Equipped for Every Good Work"* in Hollandish.

Then along came that stirring new booklet *Basis for Belief in a New World.*

The second issue of this *Report* came out Thursday. A new cover and a question feature were evident in the *Awake!* released Friday morning. Further releases included the August 1 *Watchtower* in Italian and the new set of tracts, which climaxed Friday afternoon's program. The number of new releases then stood at 53.

Booklet Released! (*Cont'd*)

esting program was Japan, and as Thornton introduced Mr. J. Barry, Gilead graduate and branch servant of Japan, groups of missionaries in colorful Japanese costumes entered the platform garden, and in pantomine presented typically Japanese scenes, the extending of greetings, bowing low, eating rice with chopsticks, etc., all of which presented a most colorful display.

In 1953, Japan saw 336 Christian ministers of Jehovah active, this representing a 31 per cent increase over 1952.

After describing how house-to-house work is carried on in Japan, Mr. Barry told of the progress of the work in Formosa, where the work, begun in 1936, saw an average of 310 witnesses in 1952 and a peak of 1,293 in 1953, or an increase of 317 per cent.

Experiences from Asiatic Lands

The opening part of the Thursday afternoon session was devoted to "Experiences from Asiatic Lands." A white-letter sign showed the increase for Asiatic lands: from 2,259 publishers in 1952 to 2,620 in 1953.

Earline Steele of Korea was the first of ten Asiatic land representatives to relate experiences. She told of the wife of the South Korean prime minister, who is now studying with a pioneer (full-time minister), and of two sisters who witnessed to 1,000 wounded South Korean soldiers. Next, R. Spencer, representing Hong Kong, illustrated the importance of persistence in back-calling and arranging for studies. He told of a 17-year-old Chinese boy who, in spite of ancestor-worshiping parents, took a firm stand for the truth and is now a vacation pioneer.

Circuit servant H. D. Carmichael explained that the many customs in India demand that missionaries cultivate adaptability. F. G. Stebbing of Ceylon said that experience in that land shows that Kingdom publishers must exercise much love and patience.

Warm applause greeted D. Haslett's announcement that in the Buddhist land of images and idols, Japan, the Kingdom truth is blossoming, there being 336 praisers of Jehovah. In 1948, he said, there was no Kingdom preaching in Japan. But missionaries were sent there and now 56 of them are helping to organize the New World society in that land.

L. Daoud from the land of cedars, Lebanon, told the assembly of a 12-year-old girl who, having read one of the Society's books, agreed to have a study. Soon the priest made a call on her and offered money if she would come back to church. She told the priest that if he had the truth, he would not need to offer money, for the sheep will hear the voice of the shepherd if he speaks the truth. The young girl is now a regular publisher.

F. C. Hardaker of Pakistan related experiences showing how the other sheep are being gathered in that land. Pioneer Fong Tuck Seng explained from experience in Malaya the vital need for house-to-house work. By placing three bound books from door to door, he brought a young Chinese lady into the truth.

Concluding the array of Asiatic experiences, Anna Matheaki of Turkey explained that householders were decidedly impressed when a Turk began preaching the good news from house to house; for Turks are customarily considered Moslems, and a Turk preaching the Bible stirs up interest indeed.

Meetings in 20 Other Languages

No one language has a monopoly on the Kingdom message, though those speaking English are naturally in the majority when an assembly is held in this land. For those who speak twenty other languages, however, stirring meetings were held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Enthusiasm and repeated applause marked them all.

"The greater happiness is in giving" was the theme of the Albanian meeting, where study —not just reading—was stressed, and the need for appreciation of Jehovah's undeserved kindness was shown.

The theme of the Arabic meeting was "True love and joy." They heard that in Lebanon there has been an increase in Kingdom publishers from 60 to 426, and that in the Arabic countries there are now 1,000 publishers.

The Armenian program discussed the importance of the New World society and thrilled to the announcement that Brother Knorr has assigned two Gilead graduates to work among the Armenians in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

Danish brothers to a total of 259 on Thursday and 348 on Friday thrilled to Scriptural counsel in their language.

The Finnish meetings considered advancement in ministry through house-to-house work, high lights of convention talks, and enjoyed experiences from Finland and America. The release of *What Has Religion Done for Mankind?* in Finnish was their high spot.

French-speaking brothers heard that legal victories brought recognition of the New World society, and that persistent house-to-house work is necessary. They too expressed great appreciation for the new book *"This Means Everlasting Life"* in their language.

German brothers appreciated the talk "The New World Society Attacked from the Far North," which Brother Franz gave in person. A report from behind the Iron Curtain showed that the same zeal and expansion that is manifest throughout the rest of the world is evident in those lands.

From Greece came firsthand reports of persistence under persecution. New publications were released and a thrilling 21 per cent increase was related. The battle of truth in the Greek courts was presented, as well as reports from Turkey and Cyprus.

Hollandish-speaking delegates heard how the work has grown in the Netherlands from two pioneers in 1924 to more than 8,000 publishers today.

"The New World society praises Jehovah" was the theme of the Hungarian meeting, where four different speakers addressed the 467 in attendance.

In Italy the New World society is firmly entrenched and well-organized, was the enthusiastic report at the Italian meetings. The Catholics and Communists are fighting, while the Kingdom message advances among the people. In 1947 there were 150 publishers in 25 congregations; now there are 2,300 in 100 congregations.

The Lithuanian meeting heard that the brothers are arousing interest among interns in the German refugee camps.

The Norwegian-language meetings reviewed the English-language talks and heard that there is already a 15 per cent increase in Norway over 1952.

Poland, where there is one publisher for every 1,000 inhabitants, stands in high position regarding work behind the Iron Curtain. Memorial attendance was 26,000. Reports were also given from the United States and from France, where there are many Polish brothers.

The Portuguese brothers heard that in one strongly Catholic place, where a brother was run out of town at gunpoint after a public talk, the city's spirit changed and a congregation has now been formed.

Nearly 150 Russian brothers met Tuesday near the sign "Our

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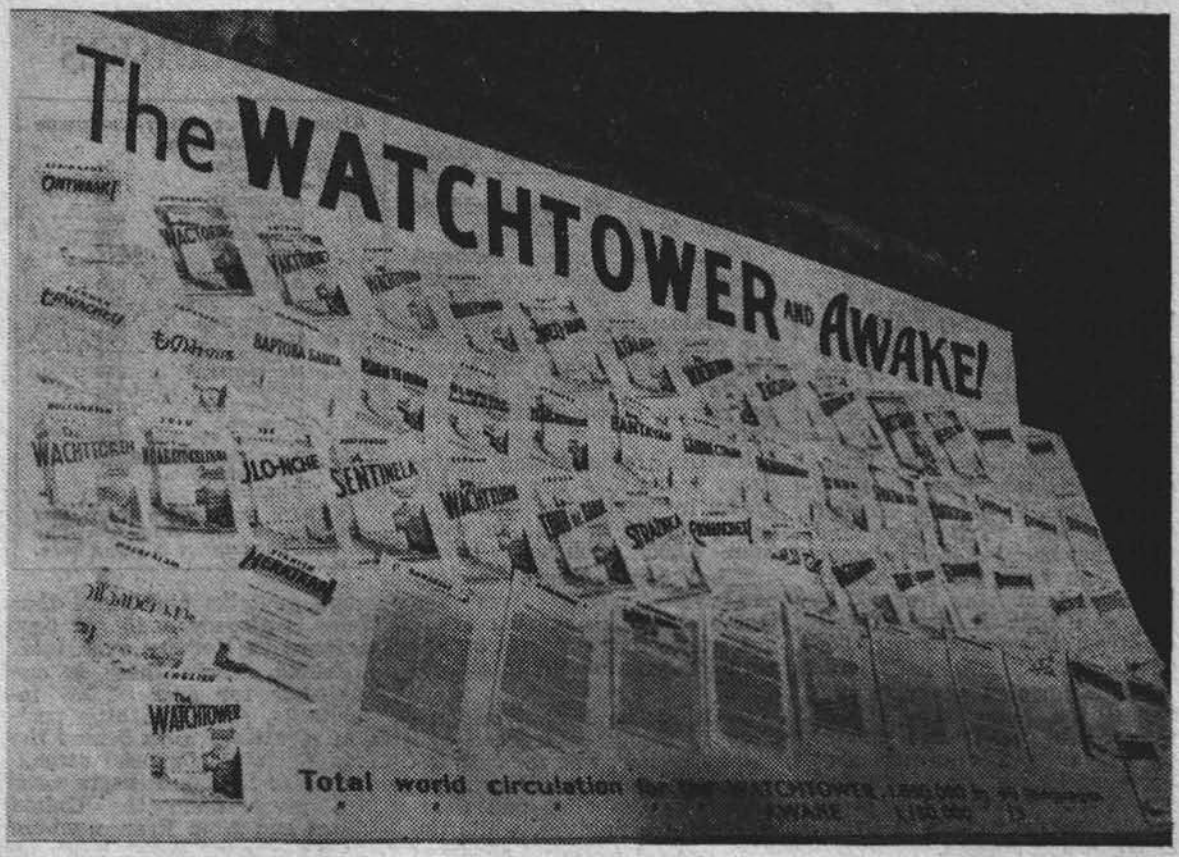
Attendance at Other-Language Meetings

Albanian	54
Arabic	137
Armenian	95
Danish*	348
Finnish*	185
French*	1,077
German*	1,512
Greek*	650
Hollandish*	157
Hungarian	467
Italian*	839
Lithuanian	111
Norwegian*	252
Polish*	1,423
Portuguese	150
Russian	144
Slovak	225
Spanish*	2,306
Swedish*	404
Ukrainian	625

* There was more than one meeting in this language. The largest attendance is given here.

G. Gangas, chairman of Greek meetings, pleased over release of new Greek book



Nsanja ya Olonda, Ang Bantayan, Nquabayokulinda—what odd names. Yet they are translations into Cinyanja, Tagalog and Zulu of a most familiar name, *The Watchtower*. *The Watchtower* in all these languages can be seen this week at the rear of Section 10 of the second level of the stands (above). Issues like those in Malayalam, Korean, Siamese, Twi, etc., are catching a great deal of interest, along with the display of *Awake!* (present circulation 1,150,000) in its 13 languages.

Nearby is a display of "*Let God Be True*", which has reached a distribution of 12,138,474 copies. The sister at right has had her attention attracted by the Indonesian edition, just one of the 31 languages in which this book has been published.

Other-Language Meetings (*Cont'd*)

Love Penetrates Iron Curtain" to hear wise Scriptural counsel.

There is an increase in Czechoslovakia, but no definite figures were given. Under much difficulty the brothers there are continuing faithful.

The Spanish meetings heard reports from many countries on increases since the last world assembly. Brother Franz also spoke in Spanish on "New World Society Attacked from the Far North."

Many of the Swedish brothers at the assembly do not understand English, so eight Swedish speakers discussed what had taken place during the English meetings. One thrilling item was the release of *What Has Religion Done for Mankind?* in their language.

The Ukrainian program stressed maturity and the blessed lot of God's ministers. They too received a new book: "*This Means Everlasting Life*".

Meetings of Branch and Circuit Servants

"You will be witnesses of me . . . to the most distant part of the earth," was Jesus' parting command to his disciples. (Acts 1:8, *New World Trans.*) This necessitates organization. To efficiently discharge this responsibility, branches, districts and circuits have been formed.

For a week prior to the New World Society Assembly, branch servants met with N. H. Knorr, president of the Watch Tower Society, and other servants at the headquarters in Brooklyn. There they discussed problems in their particular country, had perplexing questions answered, received priceless advice and counsel, which will doubtless result in a closer-working, better-trained and a more efficient Kingdom preaching organization. Branch servants expressed deep appreciation for this week of instruction.

Three mornings were set aside at the assembly for branch and circuit servants to receive additional information in public relations, putting into operation the new schedule for branch and circuit servants and to answer their many questions.

N. H. Knorr stressed that the need today as never before is to make known the name of Jehovah. Every avenue will be exploited. Radio and television must not be overlooked. The need for establishing good press relations is important and should not be slighted. The purpose is not to project personalities but the truth of God's kingdom. The importance of submitting "accurate information" was accentuated. The servants were counseled not to suppose, nor depend on their own imagination, and when listing statistics to always "make sure they are right."

M. G. Henschel, one of the Society's directors, illustrated how to determine what is and what is not news. He said stories should be written as "news" and the style of the particular paper or magazine for which they are written should be adopted. The director counseled against fighting with the press, criticizing them too severely or quibbling over back-page or front-page stories. They were admonished to always document their material and save all clippings.

Public relations includes radio and television. U. V. Glass emphasized being alert, prepared and direct. Know what to do and then do it. He cautioned not to "beat about the bush." The need of getting started immediately was driven home with force. Exploit every possibility. Leave no stone unturned. Know your stations, what they broadcast or televise. 'Line up what you would like to see accomplished—then go after it.' Be patient yet persistent—always courteous and kind.

Most of these programs will require scripts, which means writing. In a few words, C. Quackenbush illustrated how this can best be done. News writing must specialize in nouns and verbs. Articles must measure up to style. They must show what Jehovah's witnesses are by actions and not by descriptions. He illustrated his points and moved on. Keep sentences short and simple. The same goes for paragraphs and style. Your story must be snappy, fast moving. Associate your material with current happenings. Understand the policy of the magazine. Learn the editorial policy. The methods of contacting editorial agents was treated by Marley Cole.

The wise use of pictures as a means of advertising was also briefly considered. L. A. Swingle explained what constituted a good picture. His suggestion was to appeal to emotions and curiosity. Pictures should contain some action. Have pictures answer such questions as who? when? where? why? and how? Fill the picture with subject matter. Have a central theme. Cut out extraneous matters. Emphasize close-ups. Circuit servants and other ministers were admonished not to be "camera shy." The picture is another means of spreading the Kingdom good news in this picture-conscious world, he concluded.

Branch and circuit servants gathered together again on Thursday morning to study the new arrangement affecting these servants, to study forms and to answer questions that these brothers desired to have answered. R. E. Morgan drove home the point that the new arrangement inaugurated "rests on a sound basis." It deals primarily with teaching and preaching from house to house. The thing to remember, he said, is that the organization is growing. All these new ones must learn to preach from door to door. The need of getting started early in the morning was stressed, which would necessitate going to bed early. Remember, he said, you are a workingman with a schedule to keep. Keep it. Train mature brothers to train less mature ones to give a short sermon at the doors.

On Friday, R. E. Morgan considered forms that appeared to present the most problems. The district and circuit servants should work closely with one another and these in turn with pioneers and pioneers with the congregation, he encouraged. We should direct our attention to build a marvelous organization to Jehovah's praise.

P. Chapman was invited to speak a few words, particularly to those working under the Canadian branch. He began by saying the new arrangement inaugurated will no doubt come hard for some. The remedy he suggested was "to go to bed early." From the sound of the applause from the brothers it may be, he continued, "that you have been keeping them up, instead of they, you." Utilize every second of your time. Concentrate on mature publishers. Push the house-to-house work, for it is from there the greatest increase will come.

All in attendance, without exception, radiated and applauded the practicalness of these meetings, which doubtless will result in a more efficient organization, to the vindication of Jehovah's name.

International Orchestra Presents Music of the New World

Something appropriately new in the music world was programed as an entrancing prelude to the climax of the New World Society Assembly. For Sunday, July 26, at 3:15 p.m. the program features a musical program forty-five minutes long, just before President Knorr's key lecture, "After Armageddon—God's New World." The orchestra, composed of 73 professional artists, was drawn from among 300 applicants, representing Sweden, Germany, Chile, Jamaica, Denmark, Southern Rhodesia, Canada and twenty states of the United States.

Violin, harp, oboe and vocal solos—the latter by a Jehovah's witness soprano singer from Wiesbaden, Germany—are featured.

Arranged in modern concert style, the music is drawn from the beautiful, simple themes of *Songs to Jehovah's Praise*. Arranger and conductor Vernon Duncombe, a ministerial circuit supervisor from Canada, spent weeks painstakingly writing every note of the concert.

A week prior to the assembly's opening Duncombe, assisted by P. Butrus, rehearsed the orchestra intensively, until it achieved character and responsive sensitivities, so that by opening Sunday, July 19, when the colossal amphitheater of Yankee Stadium first burst into song, the mighty throng of voices rose to the mellifluous harmony of violins, flutes, oboes, clarinets, saxaphones, trumpets, trombones, cellos, pianos and the harp—18 varieties of instruments all together.

When he conducts the stadium congregation in song sessions Vernon Duncombe is directing what is probably the largest live chorus in the world.

Conductor Vernon Duncombe

Assigning volunteer workers

20,000 Happy Volunteers

"The thrilling thing about working for the Volunteer department is that you get to feel the pulse of the entire New World society," Robert Holms, volunteer assistant, declared. "That is the spirit of willingness. Everybody wants to help do things. They tell you it just isn't a complete assembly until they have worked at something."

As of Thursday, there were 15,829 volunteer workers assigned to all of the stadium grounds departments, and Trailer City manager George Couch estimated 7,000 workers there. John Donnenwirth, in charge of the department, estimated that by Sunday, the climax, there would be upward of 20,000 workers at the stadium grounds.

Donnenwirth was able to estimate very closely, by mathematical studies, just about the number of volunteers that would be needed. "You can count on needing one volunteer for every eight in attendance, at least," he explained. "And out of every 100 workers about 22 will be needed by the cafeteria, 18 for refreshments, 29 for attendants and traffic, and so on."

Trucking for America's Greatest Religious Assembly

"Well, if that Armageddon war comes and makes a rubble of the earth, I don't doubt but what you Jehovah's witnesses could clean things up all right." The observer had been watching the New World society Trucking department operate.

Everything about it was tremendous, department workers admitted modestly. For example, just think of its

SIZE: 60 trucks, ranging from half-ton pickups to tractor-and-double trailers. Also four farm tractors, three bulldozers, one backhaul shovel.

ORIGIN: Volunteered free of charge and gathered from all over the country.

PERSONNEL: 288 men and one woman. (A Volunteer Service slip read: I own a 1953 Ford half-ton pickup which I would like to put to use. My wife will serve as my helper." Trucking Department manager S. F. Plumhoff, not being the kind of man to interfere with family working arrangements, accepted the sister with pleasure.)

SCOPE OF WORK: "Sooner or later we get around to hauling something for every department," said Plumhoff. To date Trucking had handled everything from a delicate postage weight scale to two baby grand pianos, one upright piano and a bass fiddle.

"We even trucked in two mothers and their eight children, two trunks, three suitcases and one tent," chuckled the transport supervisor. "These delegates got stranded at Grand Central Station with no way to get to the Trailer City."

From Pennsylvania and Connecticut two trucks hauled in the greenery for the stage designers, who fashioned what the New York *Times* called "a green barrier of balsam fir, espaliered in the form of a castle's parapet, with a jutting watchtower." Plumhoff said that to him the beautiful stage background looked like "a watchtower on a castle wall."

Twenty truckloads of chairs, 14,000, had been hauled by Tuesday. Lumber to the number of 265,000 board feet, 850 poles, eight miles of plumbing pipes, 20 truckloads of refrigerators, steam kettles, ovens and the like, plus 61,102 articles gathered from 80 different circuits as distant as Texas and California—this is a representative list of what Trucking hauled to make possible the greatest religious assembly ever held in the United States.

"It took us eight days to haul the equipment into Yankee Stadium. We have 36 hours to get it out," Plumhoff reported, adding: "We had *better* be effective!"

Public-Address System

When a hundred thousand pairs of eyes focused on the evergreen watchtower standing near the speaker's stand in Yankee Stadium, they might have thought it was just a decoration. Had you peeped inside it you would have beheld the very throbbing heart of the largest sound-control system ever rigged up for a religious convention and probably for any other convention.

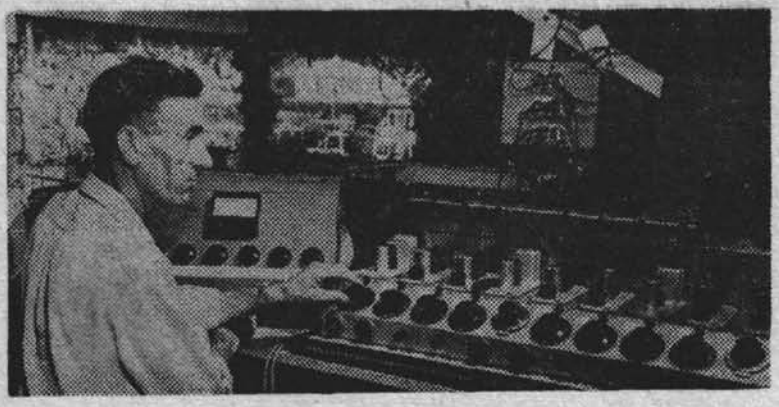
"Our business is to make sure that everyone hears," public-address director Sereno Smith stated, in behalf of a crew of 40 volunteer workers. "We have strung 81 speakers around the playing field, 70 throughout the stadium corridors and its departments, 2 outside the stadium, 38 in the overflow tents on River Avenue, 26 in the cafeteria tents, and," he added after a breath, "24 to cover Trailer City forty miles away."

Witness Smith further enumerated three telephone lines connected to carry "the voice of Jehovah" to New World Radio Station WBBR on Staten Island, and from there to Trailer City. Also the lines connected to the kitchen and overflow tents. Wherever you happened to be you could hear the "voice," whether you were seated behind home base in the stadium or were among the 150 women peeling onions in the kitchen.

It helps you visualize the dimensions of this new-world sound octopus to know that its legs, in terms of wiring used, snaked out in total lengths of 17,500 feet, or more than three miles.

Twelve additional public-address systems were tied in to furnish sound for the foreign-language gatherings.

And so in a very marvelous new-world-fashion, the evergreen watchtower decorating the stage proved to be the transmitter of the "voice of Jehovah" to more people than ever heard it before.



A sound "watchman" inside the stage watchtower

Lieut. Joel Rabinowitz, assistant commissary research officer at the U. S. Naval supply, research and development facility in Bayonne, New Jersey, and two civilian associates seeking information from Shield Halvajian, left, on how so many could be fed in the cafeteria. "I think we learned a lot," he later told a *Report* representative. He commented on the unity and harmony that was evident. Such unity is a trademark of the new world.

Among other visitors, an official of the New York state civil defense came to observe the cafeteria and traffic engineering techniques of Jehovah's witnesses, with a view to gathering points on mass feeding and crowd manipulation "in case of bombings or other disasters."

Lieut. Joel Rabinowitz . . .

Royal W. Ryan, executive vice-president of the New York City Convention and Visitors' Bureau, discussing hotel arrangements with Richard E. Abrahamson of the convention's Rooming department. Through the assistance of Mr. Ryan's office, accommodations were obtained for about 10,000 convention delegates.

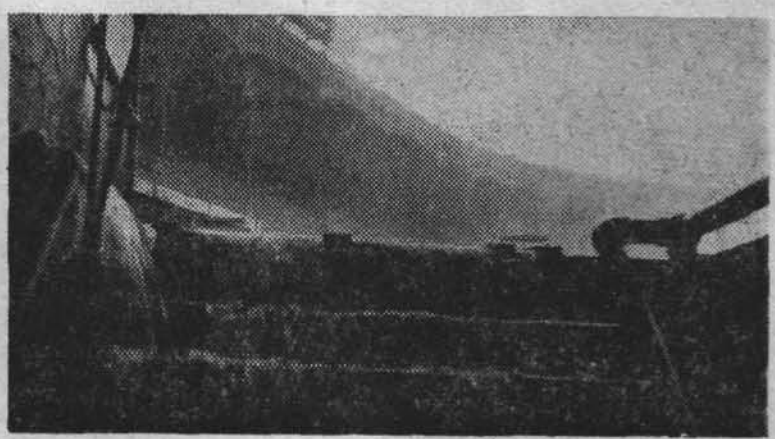
The co-operative attitude here illustrated represents the fine assistance of the visitors' bureau and hotel managers, who frequently went out of their way to provide for the convention. At times they made provision for family groups traveling long distances and needing rooms at reasonable rates.

Richard E. Abrahamson and Royal W. Ryan

The Rains Came! Steps and stairways around the stadium turned into cascading waterfalls Thursday when a 3.38-inch torrent of water descended on New York. It blocked subways, stalled cars, delayed ships, grounded airliners, and disrupted the city's normal activities, but it did not stop the assembly.

Many were concerned about the cafeteria's large tents, but around them small dikes were quickly swept into place and no serious damage resulted.

Though large portions of Yankee Stadium are uncovered, 86,847 attended that session, proving, said F. W. Franz, that they were not "fair-weather Christians."



The Rains Came!

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"New Heavens and a New Earth"

134,333 Cheer Its Release

Knorr Shows U.N. to Be "Disgusting Thing"

The new 384-page book entitled "New Heavens and a New Earth" was released on Saturday afternoon, July 25, to a record convention attendance of 134,333. Young and old were glad to receive this surprise publication. An intent, eager audience followed closely Knorr's lecture entitled "Flight to Safety with the New World Society."

The religio-political conspiracy of Christendom's clergy and political leaders was exposed as anti-God. In forthright, unequivocal terms, Knorr branded the United Nations as the "disgusting thing" of Matthew 24:15 and Daniel 11:31. A stirring appeal was made for the righteous to flee to the "mountain" of Jehovah's New World society. Knorr announced a new world peak of publishers, 510,238. He called upon Jehovah's witnesses to press on in their ministry work to aid unnumbered multitudes that may yet never die off the earth.

To a jammed stadium, Saturday, July 25, N. H. Knorr, president of the Watch Tower Society, began his lecture at 3:45 p.m. with the words: "The founding and building of the new and lasting things goes forward successfully while the condemning and destroying of the old things proceed." He went on to show how Christendom's present world position parallels directly that of the Jewish commonwealth and its alliance with Rome between A.D. 33 and 70.

Jesus' famous prophecies regarding the destruction of Jerusalem as recorded at Luke 19:41-44 and Matthew 24:16 were next examined in detail. It was shown that it was the political alliance between the Jewish hierarchy in Jerusalem and that of political Rome that comprised the "disgusting thing" that brought on total desolation A.D. 70. When the Jews cried, "We have no king but Caesar," at the time of Jesus' trial, they went on world record as supporting this disgusting alliance.

True to Jesus' prophecy, Jerusalem began to be surrounded by armies in the year 66 when the political part of the alliance began to turn against the Jewish religious part. This served as a cue to the Christians living in Jerusalem to forsake the city and flee to the mountains of Gilead in harmony with Jesus' prophetic command. For some reason the Roman seige of A.D. 66 was withdrawn, only to

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President Knorr and Chairman Chapman rejoice in new release

"New Heavens . . . " *(Cont'd)*

be renewed A.D. 70 to utterly wipe out the doomed city of Jerusalem when one million of its inhabitants perished. None of the Christians lost their lives, as they had already forsaken the city.

Today Jerusalem pictures Christendom, which, in 1919, entered into an alliance with the political powers of the world to establish the League of Nations. Instead of accepting Christ's kingdom, the new heavens that were established in 1914, like Jerusalem of old which rejected the Messiah, Christendom turned to the political powers for an alliance of security. After World War I the clergy followed the political leaders in proclaiming the League of Nations as mankind's only hope. From that time the people can see who it is that has been promoting God's kingdom—the witnesses of Jehovah—and who it is that has been meriting God's disgust for encouraging the League of Nations.

Amidst great enthusiastic applause, Knorr said, "Today Jehovah's witnesses are here at Yankee Stadium, whereas the League of Nations went out of existence in 1939." Near the end of World War II, to take away this reproach, Christendom's clergy and her political allies revived this religio-political conspiracy under a new name, that of the United Nations.

The signal for flight today, as in ancient Jerusalem, is the encirclement by armies. The armies encircling Christendom, Knorr pointed out, are not the armies of the United Nations that went into action in the Korean war of 1950. Rather, these are armies of the anti-Christian forces that are flooding in and surrounding the religious part of this modern-day religio-political conspiracy. While anti-God pressures may seem to subside, however, as in the case of Rome's final crushing pressure against Jerusalem, a build-up will occur that will desolate Christendom.

Now that we see these anti-Christian forces surrounding Christendom, it is high time to flee for safety. Where? To refuge farms? To literal out-of-the-way places, mountainous regions? Such may hide one from the anti-Christian armies, but not from God's executioner. Flight must be to the New World theocratic system of things. He said God has formed a new earth to flee to. While fleeing from Christendom's system we must keep on with our preaching within its realm. How long? Until there is a complete rupture between Christendom and the "disgusting thing" and the horns of the beastly thing turn on the harlot and make her desolate.

The Value of the Congregation Book Study

Forty-five minutes before this main lecture Knorr had stepped to the speaker's stand and distributed to the many branch servants present on the platform 25 releases, in fourteen different languages. Then followed a symposium of five talks on the subject "The Value of the Congregation Book Study."

H. Judson stated that the congregational study serves not only for study but as a service center; it is more convenient to serve from, makes for more enthusiasm, less desire by publishers to pick territory; closer co-operation is obtained, individual preference is subjected to the Kingdom interests.

R. A. Holmes brought out that serving as a congregational study conductor was not to be viewed lightly. His is a heavy responsibility; he must serve willingly, grasp the privilege with eagerness, with enthusiasm, prompted by love. His primary duty is not that of being a conductor but of a service leader. He should set the example in service, aid the weak, make definite and concrete service arrangements. He should be able to give practical instruction; to pair off weak publishers with strong ones; and to demonstrate the value of personal planning. He should be concerned over the negligent ones, looking after his group as a mother hen does her chicks.

D. Ward likened the publishers to the trees that Noah used in constructing the ark. These required shaving, trimming and fitting, and it is at the congregational study that this work begins. Further, at the study publishers learn to explain to others what they already may know, for it is not enough just to have knowledge of a truth, one must be able to impart it to others.

Next, J. Nathan, Canadian district servant, warned that the day may come when the only contact with one another and with the organization will be by means of the congregational study. In times of oppression the small group can assemble without calling undue attention to itself. Each one in such a group is known, thus making it less likely that traitors get in.

Concluding this extremely helpful and valuable series, R. L. Anderson said that the great increase that has taken place in recent years has been primarily due to the congregational book study. Christ Jesus set the example. He had a small group whom he taught—a service group that he trained for field service. When persecution scattered the Christians, they had all been properly taught in service and went everywhere preaching the word.

News from Behind and Around the Iron Curtain

Preceding this symposium, the experiences of Europe Day were as refreshing to the ear as the colorful multitude and the garden circling the second base were to the eye.

A. Hart related that persistent following up of all interest brings results. Another thing bringing results is the booklet *God's Way Is Love*. A Catholic woman in Eire told N. Rutherford that she did not believe all of those quotations were in the Catholic Bible. When shown, she was amazed. A study was easy to start.

In Athens, Greece, a brother was asked by police: "Who converted you to Jehovah's witnesses?" "You did," he said. I was curious to know why you always persecuted Jehovah's witnesses

—so I found out. The report also related that politicians are envyingly "eyeing" the witnesses, saying that soon people will come to them in droves because they are disgusted with both the left and right political parties.

E. Pederson of Austria described what it is like for a missionary to enter a strange country. He stated that the sincerity of the missionaries is a tremendous witness even though they do not know the language. Being persistent in following up all interest brought a "maker of plastic saints" to the New World society. Mona Brzoska recommended this quality to the assembly.

In a village of Luxembourg, where 99 per cent of the population is Roman Catholic, the right to preach is always threatened. A recent court decision in our favor improved things considerably. Greater increases are anticipated, were the encouraging words of V. G. Nelson. Netherlands, too, is expanding with worshipers. F. Hartstang from that land states that even the good will are attracted by the wholesome association of the witnesses. "Wisdom cries aloud in the streets" of Norway, was J. Johansen's message to the assembly.

A. Berner of Europe's wonderland, Switzerland, began by saying, "Praising Jehovah brings joy, not only in this big assembly but everywhere." She related how neither religious nor political affiliations can keep young people back from the attractive message of the new world.

Denmark, though about half the size of Maine, is often "referred to as the breadbasket of Europe," said N. W. Harper, and in that land Jehovah's witnesses are planting, watering and reaping. Only they have no crop failures. There is now one publisher for every 600 inhabitants.

In the northland is the "country of endurance," Finland. This quality permeates true Christians as well. Finland enjoys a new peak of 5,422 publishers—one of Jehovah's witnesses to every 740 of its people.

News from behind the Iron Curtain thrilled the conventioners. Your brothers behind the Iron Curtain "all want to be remembered to you," declared A. Rutimann. Bulgaria, Romania, Yugoslavia and Hungary have active witnesses. Rutimann went on to say that these brothers behind the Iron Curtain "are by no means abandoned, but Jehovah's spirit, Jehovah's Word, and, yes, Jehovah's organization are all there to help them carry on the work that must be done." Czechoslovakia and Poland mushroom with witnesses. "Exactly as Jehovah wills it, so it is done, in spite of seemingly insurmountable difficulties!"

A land boasting an increase of 350 per cent since 1945 is the Netherlands. Growth has been so rapid that there is a need for mature servants to take care of the ingathering, declared P. Kushnir. By "striving to improve the efficiency of the organization and by trying to stimulate the association together," it is hoped that many more new ones will be aided to the New World society.

They delight in their copies of "New Heavens and a New Earth"

A sweeping view of Saturday afternoon's 134,333

Rearing Children, New World Way

Discussed by C. Quackenbush

Grant Suiter Forceful on "The Living Word"

The concluding feature of Friday evening's program was a heart-warming talk filled with telling points, which at times stirred applause, and at times hearty laughter. Directed to parents, and, at times, to children, it was given by C. Quackenbush of the editorial staff of the Watchtower Society. He began with: "Jehovah says it is not in man to direct his steps." And since that is so, "How can it be in the child that toddles to direct its steps?" Modern man, who goes from one mess to another, says that a child should be allowed to choose its way. But what are the results?

After telling of one teen-age murderer after another and of criminal and murderous gang activities of boys and girls, he quoted the caustic observation of a Brooklyn judge, who said: "I think we need the woodshed for some young folks. But that is not fashionable now. Now we are told you must not strike a child; you might stunt a genius." But modern methods are raising not a crop of geniuses but a crop of delinquents. If these theories are good, then why so much rotten fruit? A tree is known by its fruit.

God commands parents to teach their children and to do this at every opportunity in the home; also at specific times, at breakfast with the morning's text, and by taking the children to the congregational meetings, etc. Such instructions to be effective, however, must be supported by proper example. Do you teach the child one thing and do something else yourself? Christ condemned the Pharisees for saying and not doing. "If you don't want little Pharisees, don't be big Pharisees!"

The time to begin is in earliest infancy, the speaker continued. Little children are able to learn the complex language of their parents; they can also learn the pure language. Man is as clay. The fresher the clay the easier it is to mold. A four-year-old child was beaten by its playmates because it would not recognize a statue as God. 'It couldn't be God,' the child argued, 'for it cannot see, hear, move, talk.' The father, who had forbidden the mother to let the child sit in on a home Bible study because it was too young, upon hearing of this marveled and agreed to let it join the study held with its mother.

But sometimes instruction and example are not enough. Then the rod of correction must be used. A psychologist claimed that spanking a child is proof that the parent hates it, but many Scripture texts show that to properly punish a child is an expression of love. Pampering a child does not show love nor does it gain its respect. Punishing a child must be done judiciously; some children do not ever require it, others, frequently. Sometimes denial of TV programs will prove more effective than a spanking, a point C. Quackenbush proved by relating a true incident.

The importance of love cannot be overstressed. A year ago the New York *Times* told of 34 foundlings who died. They had all they needed except sufficient mother love.

Then addressing the children themselves C. Quackenbush assured them that the adults were not ganging up on them but were *for* them. He illustrated from many interesting and apt examples in nature how animal parents train and punish their young. Animal parents follow God-given instinct; there are no

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Grant Suiter

C. Quackenbush

Rearing Children *(Cont'd)*

delinquent children in nature. Neither will you be if your parents follow God-given instructions found in the Bible. Animal parents punish their children because they love them, for their own protection. They know it is better for their young to be beaten by their parents than to be eaten by their enemies. By your parents' beating you when necessary they will prevent your being eaten by the devouring lion, Satan the Devil.

Obey your parents because you love them, the speaker continued, but still more because Jehovah wants you to, and to show you love Jehovah.

Then, addressing his remarks to all, he said that it was far better to be frustrated and inhibited and live through Armageddon into the new world than to be uninhibited and die at Armageddon. "You parents know what you must do. You children know what you must do. Jehovah knows what he will do. If we obey him, he will do things for us. If we disobey him, he will do things to us, at Armageddon. The meek will inherit the earth; the rebellious will return to it." Closing counsel was to let Jehovah direct our steps to choose our ways, for us and our children.

The Living Word

Earlier in the evening session Grant Suiter, secretary and treasurer of the Watch Tower Society, spoke on "The Living Word," introducing his remarks with: "Jehovah's witnesses appreciate the Bible as the greatest religious document there is, recognizing it as the inspired, revealed word of God. We want the whole world to know we love the Bible." Ideas are what cause people to act. The object of old-world propaganda is to get all people lined up against the kingdom of God by Christ Jesus. There is, therefore, a conflict for the minds of men by the use of words.

The Bible contains commonly accepted facts, rules of conduct that are not so generally accepted, or that, though accepted, are not applied, and prophecy that people do not understand, believe or accept. The most important feature of God's Word, however, is that it reveals the true God, Jehovah. It being the Word of the living God, it is alive and has power.

Branch servant and native circuit servant from Ethiopia, on Friday evening program

In order for God's Word to be a power in our lives we must get the sense, the drift, import and meaning of it, and it must be planted in good and right hearts. Hebrews 4:12 shows that God's Word is alive, exerts power, pierces even to the dividing of the soul and spirit, to discern what is in the heart of men. No other word in existence can do that. It enables a person to distinguish between what he does and the motive for which he does it, making self-examination very valuable. "It enables us to persistently and consistently serve Jehovah regardless of what others may do, serving him because of our personal relationship to him," he declared.

The Word of God has power for life. While the present lives of all men are uncertain, the lives of God's servants are joyful, and their hopes for life are sure and certain, and the life is future.

There is something, however, that God's Word brings to us today. It gives the power to bring forth fruit. The faithful service of Jehovah's witnesses is one of the most remarkable evidences of the power of the Word of God.

The Word of God is practical, it can be used, put to account; it can be utilized, put into practice; it is not just beautiful theories. Men do not practice it, they are afraid of it. There is nothing practical about depending on grass or flowers, and, according to Isaiah 40:6-8, that is what man is.

God's Word is inexhaustible, irresistible. We recommend it to all the world. It contains the organization instructions for the new world. Correct and truthful doctrines, righteous laws, highest and noblest principles, authority to preach, are all contained in the living Word. Truly, 'the sayings of God's Word are spirit and are life.'

Africa's Harvest Is Great

Highlighted on the evening's program were reports from four African branch servants. H. W. Arnott of Northern Rhodesia told of the obstacles peculiar to African lands: so much illiteracy, ignorance of world history, which fulfills Bible prophecy, and marriage customs in which men buy wives. The truth is making such a big change in the Africans that one employer stated that the Watch Tower boys were his best employees, and another, that you could tell by the expression on their faces that they were Christians.

G. R. Phillips reported on the work in the many lands under the jurisdiction of the South African branch. Thousands of Africans are being taught to read, first their native tongue and then English. Upward of 11,000 witnesses are in South Africa.

Cafeteria Feeds New World Society

Had a major disaster struck the New York vicinity during the week of July 19-26 it would have, at various times, overtaken Naval officials, civil defense observers, food inspectors and similar groups out at Yankee Stadium studying the mass-feeding techniques employed by the New World Society Cafeteria department of Jehovah's witnesses.

The press, as usual, had a field day featuring the accomplishments of the 4,500 volunteer cafeteria workers. Millions of people were able to read about the 38 serving lines of 10 girls each, capable of dishing out 500 meals a minute, or 30,000 an hour. Five-column pictures were carried to show the world how 35 men operated the 40 steam kettles that held up to 150 gallons apiece and could turn out food at the rate of 30,000 servings an hour.

Then there was the fry department where eight workers could fry a ton of fish at a batch, supplied by a commercial fisherman who is one of Jehovah's witnesses. And the meat grinder that ground 500 pounds of food in one and a half hours; and the tray-washing machines, manned by 250 workers, that inspired the Navy to send out observers to watch how it was done.

One man did nothing but rush a two-ton truck to and from the market for produce, which was chopped by 150 women who prepared slaw at the rate of 1,000 gallons at a batch.

By Thursday, Cafeteria manager Sheilds Halvajian reported that the appetite of the conventioners had consumed four carloads of beef, five tons of fish, three tons of boiled ham and 7,000 pounds of turkey. But when you are feeding a city-sized population these figures are not so preposterous. "After all, Jehovah's witnesses are not gluttons," Halvajian smiled. "It's just that there are so many of us."

One of the master feats of the Cafeteria department was the coffee-making system. Halvajian took four 75-gallon drums, rigged them up with a power pump that "turned" the 300-gallon batches of coffee at the switch of a spigot, and finally siphoned it away through one-inch water pipes to where delivery trucks tapped it for delivery in five-gallon milk cans.

Speaking of trucks, all food movements had to be made by trucks, 14 of them in constant movement. (Halvajian scurried around his sprawling cafeteria in a Crosley car.) The kitchen, a mammoth 20,000-square-foot area taking up the entire second

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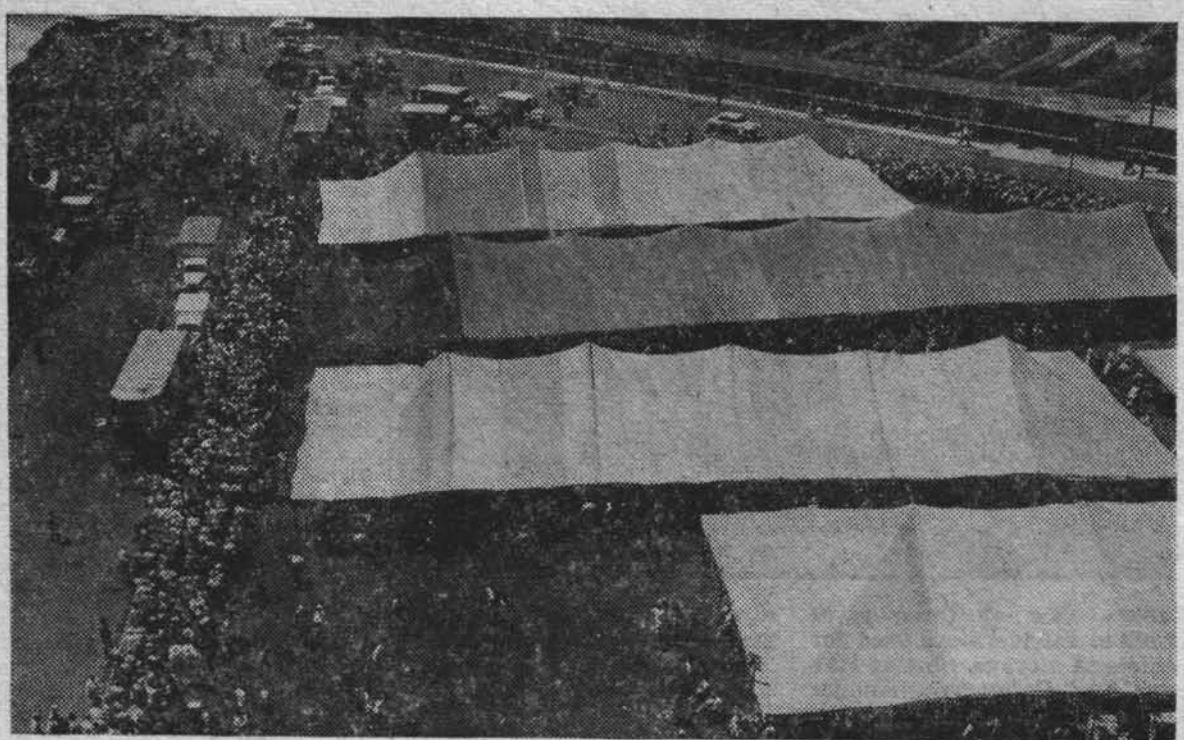


Lines form to be fed in cafeteria tents

The kitchen

Above. One of three giant walk-in refrigerators used for cafeteria storage. Shields Halvajian, Cafeteria manager (left), Dan Weiser, meat department manager (right). They first met in Philadelphia in 1947, where Shields managed the Witnesses' cafeteria. Thereafter Dan was immersed.

"Crowning my joy," Dan tells Shields, as they inspect the meat, "was my wife's immersion in 1951 and our daughter Barbara's immersion here."

Coffee coming up

Cafeteria *(Cont'd)*

floor of a block-sized garage building, suffered one bottleneck on account of the trucks. "We had to drive them up and down a ramp to the kettles and fry departments; on the steep ramp grade they sloshed out some of the food," Halvajian explained.

So, with the aid of engineers, electricians and carpenters, he devised a power dolly on a track to run up and down the ramp and deliver food from the kitchen upstairs to the trucks downstairs, at the rate of 300 gallons a minute.

Health inspectors found that the food was maintained at temperatures that allowed less spoilage than in most restaurants. John Kehaler, chief food inspection supervisor of the Bronx, recalled: "You people served 300,000 meals in 1950, and not a single tummy-ache."

As for methods, Kehaler said, "It's even better than the army."

Problems? Halvajian took a deep breath, let it out slowly, and smiled, as if to say, "Was that a joke?" The most delicate problem was keeping a balance of all items of food supplied on time to 38 serving lines going at full speed. "Our peak in 1950 was 22,000 meals. The first day of this assembly we served 27,000."

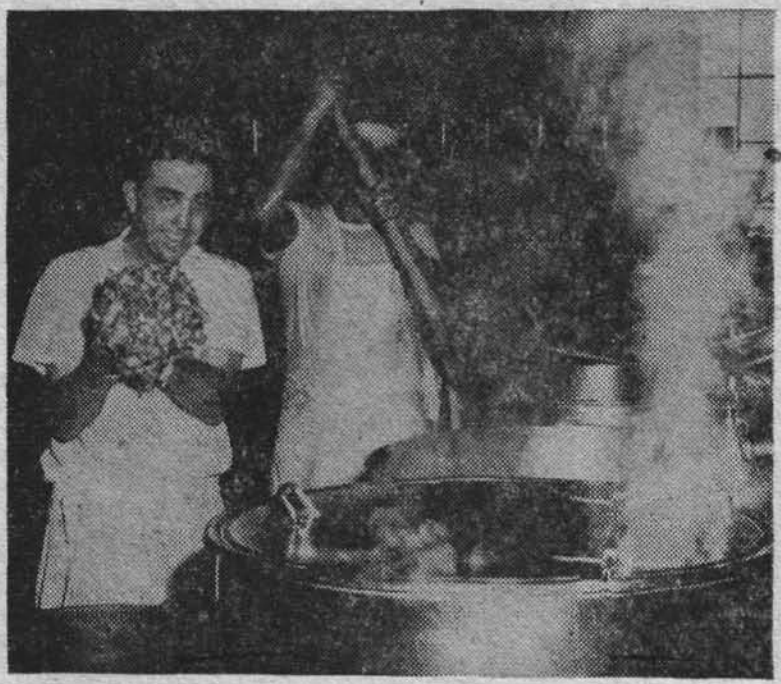
Don't bother us now

Um-m-m!

No meat shortage

Come on, let's eat!

Cleaning up the kitchen



Smells good!

Pioneering *(Cont'd)*

28,000. Over 2,000 have dedicated their lives to Jehovah this year alone.

Then the representative from Spain and Portugal, J. Cooke, reported that these Catholic countries grant little freedom. They can go from door to door, but only with a Catholic Bible. All meetings are held in private homes. In spite of their problems, the Kingdom work has grown from 20 publishers in 1947 to 314 now.

Branch servant Walter Voigt reported on Austria. Of the population 89 per cent profess Catholicism. In 1946, Voigt said, there were 435 ministers of Jehovah's witnesses; now the number has increased to 3,410.

Reporting on Belgium, Calvin Holmes said that the work is growing fast in spite of Roman Catholic opposition. There are now 80 congregations of Jehovah's witnesses, and April saw a new peak of 3,623 publishers.

In 1904 there were two publishers in Norway, said branch servant M. F. Anderson. Now this country has reached a peak of 2,380 publishers.

Pioneering the Practical Way

Clear skies and bright sunshine opened Europe Day. It was a foretaste of the bright facts that were to be focused on the practicalness of pioneering. The symposium "Advancing the Interests of the New World Society by Being a Pioneer" opened with the subject "Is Pioneering Practical for Families?" by W. A. Elrod.

Even today, Elrod said, pioneering is not a theory or an idle dream. Thousands have proved it is the most practical course to pursue. Many could be pioneers, but are not. Why? It is a lack of faith or appreciation. "It is taking a mature view of full-time service if, through proper planning, all in the family can enter this branch of the work." We must make our minds over. "New-world thinking will enable us to see that pioneering is practical even for families."

Many talk of pioneering, Elrod stressed, when they "get things arranged." But most of the time they never do. Elrod then interviewed the Puster pioneer family, whose five members corroborated the practicalness of pioneering. Pioneering brings greater freedom in the service, contentment, peace of mind, a deeper appreciation and many more joyful experiences.

"Meeting Your Financial Problems" was next discussed by R. E. Abrahamson. "Pioneers do not evade financial responsibilities," he said! "They just are not enslaved to them." The pioneer owns food, shelter and clothing. They do not own him. How to meet financial problems? Keep expenses within your limited income, and earn enough money to meet expenses. Clear up all debts before entering the pioneer service. Find a part-time job. Adapt yourself to the jobs available and be willing to work. Abrahamson then interviewed pioneers: a single pioneer sister, a married couple, and a family. All testified that it is possible to pioneer and meet the financial problem. How?

"Organize your time properly," said pioneer Madelyn Murdock. Pioneer Mark Devoe added: "Adapt yourself to local conditions." Irene Devoe declared: "Pioneering does not mean austerity. It brings security and many blessings." Pioneer Wendell Roe, head of a family, concluded, "Put your faith in Jehovah God."

Circuit servant Charles Rieger next discussed "Pioneering Is a Serious Business." He showed that the word pioneer originally meant a foot soldier. Pioneering amounts to warfare. Pioneers are in the front lines. To be a soldier in the army of Christ one must be free from involvement in the commercial businesses of this life. "We admit that it is a serious matter to take up pioneering," said Rieger, but "perhaps it is more serious not to take it up if you can or could do so." Love should move us to pioneer. To remain in the pioneer work, one must view it continually in a serious vein. Budget your time. Keep up with that budget. It requires advance preparation for all features of activity. Have something definite in mind to say at each door. Vary it from time to time. Never get in a rut.

"Who will view pioneering as a serious business?" asked Rieger. He answered: "All who have dedicated themselves completely to Jehovah will contemplate and enter the life of a foot soldier of Christ Jesus; all who have maturity of discernment and love life and the Lifegiver."

Then circuit servant D. G. Steele discussed "Covering Your Assignment in City and Rural." Are we just counting time, or making that time count? Should pioneers spend all of their time just conducting Bible studies? To find out, Steele interviewed veteran pioneer Harry Robbins, who said that when he conducted 25 Bible studies, his sword of the spirit became rusty and he began to work independently of the congregation. When the Society stressed house-to-house work, Robbins soon realized that many of his studies were merely places to put in time. He weeded out the unproductive ones and turned others over to congregation publishers. Now he spends 50 hours of every hundred in the house-to-house ministry and is a more effective pioneer.

The symposium on pioneering then came to a rousing climax when D. E. Stull spoke on "Young and Old Enjoy Pioneer Service." Moses was 80 years old when he became the head of God's chosen nation. Joshua was past 90 when he took his assignment. Caleb was near 100 when he received his Canaanite territory. John, Peter and Paul had many years of pioneering after passing the threescore age. On the other hand, Samuel started at the age of five. There was the teen-age giant-killer David and young ministers Timothy, Titus and John Mark. So "youthfulness is not a liability to full-time service."

Stull then interviewed 74-year-old pioneer Susan Heath, who prompted warm applause by saying: "I just can't see myself wearing out a rocking chair on my front porch." "It seems like such a wasteful way of spending one's remaining years." And fifty-year-old pioneer McElvy added: "An older person of the old world spends his twilight years at some hobby, or in a rest home. I can't visualize myself being so useless." To old and young alike Stull admonished: "Now is the time that demands sensible, decisive, resolute action."

Branch Servant Reports

Prior to the symposium on pioneering, six European branch servants highlighted the increase in Europe. The program "Europe's Problems Not Retarding Preaching Work" showed that obstacles are not preventing the increase in Europe. Why, the figures on the playing field spotlighted the increase: From 158,867 publishers to 174,257!

A. P. Hughes said that in 1943 there were 12,000 publishers in England. Today, in spite of the apathy to Bible truth, the New World society has grown to over

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New World Joys Penetrate Ears of the Deaf

What if you could not hear or speak? You would have to learn a new language—the language of the deaf. You would find yourself in a world apart.

The New World Society Assembly had 60 deaf-mute delegates who were transported out of the world of silence, and the 'tongue of the dumb' was set singing. Through five interpreters these courageous delegates gathered in as much of the "feast of fat things" as anyone present.

During all sessions you could see an interpreter standing in Section 24, gesticulating to an intent gathering at a speed comparable in sign language to a typist rattling off 100 words a minute.

Not only translating but reading sign language, in sessions of the day totaling six or seven hours, is a tremendous strain. "But we just have to get it all. We wouldn't miss a word!" they cry in their eloquent way.

Provision for deaf-mutes to hear all discourses of theocratic assemblies was made as far back as 1938. That first audience of five has multiplied twelve times till now.

Pert, pretty Charlotte Di Vila, Culver City, Calif., dates 1950 as the turning point in her life. When asked, "How do you take part in all features of the ministry?" she replied through an interpreter: "It is the same as shopping for groceries. I use a tablet or testimony card."

Her biggest problem? "I find many people who cannot read!"

Charlotte, by the way, has three Bible studies. She attends theocratic meetings at a congregation near Culver City, where an interpreter aids her and others to take part in the programs.

Walter Markis, Vancouver, Canada, has pioneered two and a half years. He does house-to-house and street publishing, and lectures to deaf-mute clubs.

Were they all enjoying the assembly? Their hands flew artfully in what an "outsider" might call "all directions." Their faces beamed pure joy.

Interpreters Alvyn Franck and Raymond W. Franck of California told how the deaf-mutes shared in listening to the rare and beautiful singing by native Africans featured on Friday. "The sound department provided earphones. These were circulated among the deaf-mutes. They could detect the music by the vibrations. They shed tears when the beauty of it thrilled them so, just like a lot of people all around the stadium.

Deaf-mutes "see" a lecture as it unfolds **Inset shows the sign for "society"**

WBBR Attends the Assembly

The New World Radio Station WBBR continually expresses praise to Jehovah from its studios in Brooklyn and its transmitter on Staten Island. Its strength, 5,000-watt directional; its location, 1330 kilocycles.

During the week of July 19, WBBR expanded its operation so that thousands of people in New York city and surrounding territory, comprising a potential of 15,000,000 listeners, had opportunity to hear direct broadcasts of the New World Society Assembly discourses and talks.

H. D. Kelly, station manager, and his assistant, A. M. Cora, explained, however, that all sessions were not open for broadcast, due to time schedules. On the other hand, discourses, or portions thereof, were recorded and played back later when time was available. This enabled many to share the assembly programs in their homes.

Naturally, of all radio stations, WBBR was the foremost booster of the assembly. "We made spot announcements many weeks in advance of the assembly, for rooms—and with startling results," Kelly said. "We carried a program entitled 'New York—Host City,' which consisted of interviews with various convention department heads. We more or less briefed New Yorkers on what they could expect."

H. D. Kelly, manager, and assistant Cora

Seven days a week WBBR broadcasts a variety of programing of highest quality—music, news, weather reports, public service and other items. Of course, the prime reason for operation is announcing the Kingdom message.

Assembly High Lights Taped for Thousands

Three out of four of Jehovah's people could not attend the assembly of the glorious New World society. And there were hundreds of thousands of good-will persons besides, who were hungry to hear the high lights of the program.

Resourcefully the delegates had in mind the tape recorder, and flooded convention headquarters with a mountain of requests for a reserved socket at Yankee Stadium where they could plug in their recorders and store up the true riches.

"It would have been physically impossible to accommodate so many," A. M. Cora from Brooklyn Bethel explained. "So what the Society did was to arrange with a concern to reproduce, on a mass basis, eleven different tapes, 22 hours of recordings that skimmed the cream of the eight-day program. From this library everyone could order any number of reproductions of professionally recorded tapes at less than the cost of some brands of blank tapes."

By Saturday, July 25, more than 8,000 tapes had been ordered.

To make certain of the finest reproductions eight recordings of each selection were taken. Only the finest from all were incorporated into the finished copy-tape. This was done by 35 volunteers.

Even foreign-language sessions were covered—Ukrainian, Italian, Polish, German, for example.

By means of the tapes the rich program will be shared around the globe for a long time to come.

Tape recorders

Pioneering Toward the New World

Assembly time is one of the happiest times for pioneers. Assembly time is feasting time, in more ways than one. Pioneers, taxed by full-time activity in the field, are naturally conscious of more spiritual needs—and sometimes more temporal needs—than anyone else.

To take care of the faithful band of pioneers the New World society sets up a Pioneer Registration department—this time under charge of S. P. Kraker, himself a full-time pioneer by virtue of belonging to the Brooklyn Bethel.

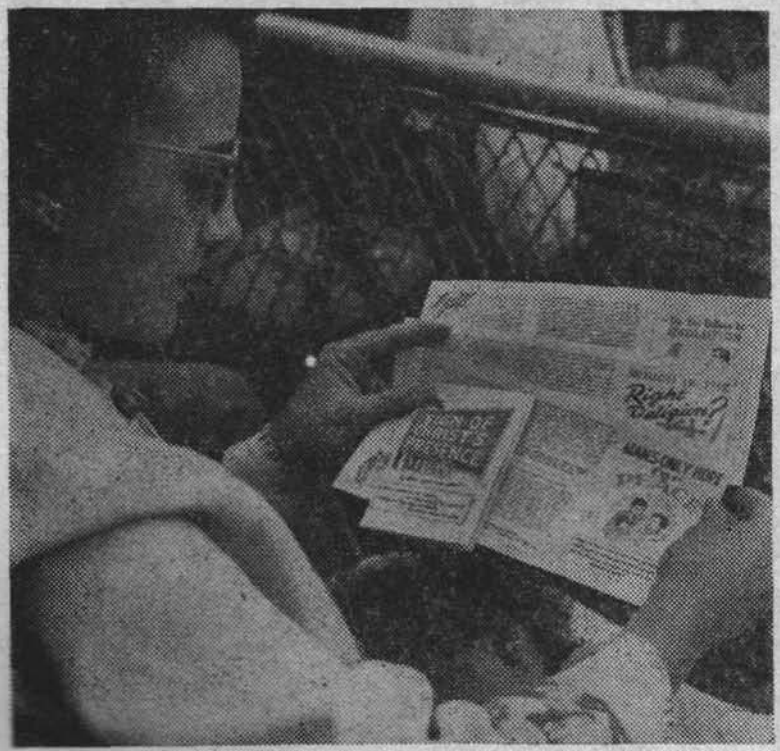
The first thing a pioneer arrival asks is, "Where is Registration?" There he receives a *double* meal ticket—one end of it good for three meals daily in the cafeteria for the duration, the other end for punching as he receives a free copy of each of the new releases.

Pioneer Kraker announced the issue of more than 8,000 pioneer tickets to men and women, young and old, from all walks of life, from America, Canada, South America, Germany and England.

Getting pioneer applications

Fifty-three volunteer workers staff Registration for the duration. "Of these," Kraker commented, "thirteen are pioneers themselves, six being Gilead School graduates, one a member of Toronto Bethel. Two of the 23 congregation publishers on the staff have picked up their pioneer application forms for early entry into the ranks."

Which brings us to the second important function of Registration. As the name implies, Registration is where *you* go if you want to enter pioneering.



Examining the new tracts

First Aid

The tabloid press exaggerated just about 25 times the number of heat prostration cases suffered during the first hot days of the New World Society Assembly. Dr. E. G. Gillmore, medical practitioner from Johnstown, New York, one of Jehovah's witnesses and assistant in charge of the assembly's First Aid department, declared: "There were not more than ten or twelve cases of heat prostration."

The news stories had attached Jehovah's witnesses with "fundamental religionists," insinuating at the start of the assembly that Yankee Stadium might be turned into an orgy of religious emotionalism.

"The amazing thing of it all is the very fewness of cases reporting to First Aid," Dr. Gillmore stated. "Where else is there a city of metropolitan proportions being served by 20 doctors of all kinds?"

By far the most cases were no more serious than "the usual cuts, bruises and blisters" that go with a crowd of seventy to a hundred thousand people of all ages, riding unfamiliar subway systems and moving about the stadium's ramps and corridors.

One appendicitis victim had to be rushed to the hospital, along with a few other unavoidable cases, naturally. "Why there were not more than there were, I do not understand," Gillmore said Saturday. "This is an assembly of people who have traveled from as far as 10,000 miles. They have crossed the continent by automobiles. They are exposed to new living conditions, different food. It is enough to throw everybody's system out of order."

Another touch of sensationalism was the rumor of a measles epidemic at Trailer City. "I went out there yesterday myself, and saw Dr. Thomas in charge there. There ARE no cases of measles."

Had First Aid a word of health advice to the New World society as a whole? "If anything, it would be to continue to show the spirit of a sound mind when deciding to come or not to come to a great gathering like this when you are confronted by a health problem that you simply cannot ignore."

KEEPING REFRESHED AT NEW WORLD SOCIETY ASSEMBLY

If you attended the New World Society Assembly were you an "average" conventioner? If so, then besides your regular meals you patronized the refreshment stands during the eight days for 14 cups of fruit punch, 3 pieces of ice cream, one third of a pie, 5 hotdogs, 2 meat sandwiches, 3 half-pints of milk, and 3 lollypops.

Not much refreshment, you think? To give you some idea how much food was prepared to serve you your share, it took a hundred thousand gallons of salad dressing—not to mention another thousand gallons of relish and mustard, 8,996 heads of lettuce—just to garnish your sandwiches, and 56,040 onion rolls and five tons of bread to serve them. The cream that went into your coffee would fill enough barrels to stretch side by side from home plate to the speaker's stand in Yankee Stadium. Two million paper cups and 875,000 straws were supplied for your fruit punch and milk, and 110 tons of ice were used to keep the punch and other food cold.

For your convenience 24 complete refreshment stands, backed by 18 supply kitchens, were dispersed over the stadium grounds, staffed by 5,500 cheerful volunteer workers and utilizing a third of a mile of counter space.

No wonder that Refreshments operated entirely independent from the Cafeteria. If its operation was not as spectacular, it was hardly less farflung, streamlined to the limit with its Expediting, Inventory, Food Purchasing, Stands, Ice Cream and Kitchen departments.

"You gave us the biggest order for milk we ever received, or hope to receive—unless you people come back," a leading dairy industry head assured Earl Singer, Refreshment manager. "You must have the right religion," commented another food supplier.

The branch supervisor of a major beverage firm could not get his share of the convention business because of a strike. But he had told his organization so much about Jehovah's witnesses that "they asked some witnesses to come down and tell them more about the New System of things," Singer reported.

Faye Emerson Broadcasts

Reported by one who heard the program

On July 24, 1953, over Station WNBC at 12 noon, Faye Emerson started out by saying, "No doubt everyone in this city has seen Jehovah's witnesses." She said she wanted to give a report on them, so she went up to a publisher on a street corner and inquired about the work that was being done by us. She was presented the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines, for which she voluntarily contributed $1. She was surprised to receive $.90 back.

She said that this *Watchtower* magazine was based on the best vantage points of God's Word, the Bible. This publisher also extended an invitation to her to attend the public lecture. She announced the title of the talk, the time and the place, and then said she was extremely sorry that she could not be there and suggested to her radio audience that if they were interested to know more about these Christian people they should attend this public lecture, for which there was no collection taken. She also mentioned that she would like to have had a representative of Jehovah's witnesses present on the program to interview.

New World Migration

A world assembly of Jehovah's witnesses is nothing less than a migration of a nation from among all countries to one point. Old-world commercial facilities were just not up to the job of transporting this migration.

That is to say, if Jehovah's witnesses counted on airplanes, trains and buses, there were simply not enough. They would have to organize their own transportation—car groups. So the 4,000 North American congregations, especially, became transportation centers, where at least 80 per cent of the vast continental migration was organized.

On Saturday, July 18, a New Jersey Turnpike attendant exclaimed: "Your group is bumper to bumper, two abreast all day long—all headed for Yankee Stadium." He knew where they were headed by the little auto sticker sign that gleamed night and day, announcing "Jehovah's Witnesses—Yankee Stadium." The 38,000 copies of this little sticker were used.

Transportation director Miller said, "There were special trains from Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago. Airplanes and 300 buses were chartered." Additionally, some of Jehovah's witnesses even bought buses in which to cross the continent.

On duty with little to do, Sergeant Ritter thoughtfully rubs chin as he listens to a witness preach

Harvest in PHILIPPINES -great!
FINLAND
COUNT KOREA PRESENT!
OUR LOVE PENETRATES IRON CURTAIN
HERE WITH YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME UGANDA
120 AUSTRALIANS UP FROM DOWN UNDER
SOUTH AFRICANS PRESENT leap FOR JOY!
DELEGATES FROM EGYPT United with You
French DELEGATES SAY Bonjour
Paul Planted- CYPRUS fruit here!
BRITAIN
CANADA'S 18,000 GREET YOU
SALAAMS from land of cedars LEBANON
JAPAN BLOSSOMS IN HOLY ARRAY
Swiss Alps resound your call
OUR LAMPS ARE LIT... VIRGIN ISLANDS
CYCLES? WE FLEW DENMARK
Saludos from Chile's coasts and Andes...
Newfoundland SAYS AHOY!
JEHOVAH'S FREED SLAVES REJOICE!
LIBERIA

A few of the greeting signs that graced the stadium

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YANKEE STADIUM | NEW YORK CITY | JULY 28, 1953

165,829 ATTEND!

New Booklet Has Text of Talk

91,562 Set Stadium Record
25,240 in Overflow Tents; 49,027 at Trailer City

The public address, "After Armageddon—God's New World," given by the president of the Watch Tower Society on Sunday afternoon, July 26, 1953, was a most fitting climax to the New World Society Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. Of the 165,829 that came to hear the lecture, 49,027 were at Trailer City, in New Jersey, some 40 miles from Yankee Stadium, to which the lecture was transmitted by special wire; 25,240 heard it in the overflow tents surrounding Yankee Stadium, and 91,562 heard it within the stadium, seated either in the stands, on the chairs placed on the track around the playing field, or on the grass in the outfield.

And we should not overlook the fact that many thousands doubtless heard it over WBBR, as that station covers an area containing fifteen million people, and that millions of folders and handbills had been distributed calling attention to the fact that that station would carry the lecture, not to say anything of thousands of window cards, thousands of placards worn by information walkers, and two placards in each and every subway car of New York's three subway systems.

That vast throng of more than 91,000 in Yankee Stadium was indeed a sight to behold. The weather could hardly have been better. While the sun was shining, cool breezes were also blowing. It was, indeed, an ideal summer afternoon.

Percy Chapman, chairman of the assembly, introduced N. H. Knorr as a keen observer of world events, an outstanding Christian minister. The audience hung on every word, giving rapt attention as Mr. Knorr developed his theme, clearly, seriously and forcefully. Although he appealed solely to sober judgment, the audience broke out in applause time and again, some

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Knorr releases booklet containing talk

165,829 Attend! (*Cont'd*) twenty times, as he made point after point with telling effect.

"Armageddon will be the worst thing ever to hit the earth within the history of man. God's new world will be the best thing ever to come to distressed mankind and will never pass away." Beginning with that contrast, Knorr further observed that "Armageddon will be a blessing in disguise."

He then quoted the applications regarding Armageddon made by President Theodore Roosevelt back in 1912, in connection with his political campaign; General MacArthur's reference to Armageddon in 1945 and again in 1951; what Bernard Baruch, "elder statesman" of the United States, had to say about it in 1951. Quoted also were the pope's reference to it in his plea for a spiritual revival to avoid Armageddon, and the words of a Roman Catholic monsignor to the effect that the world is facing the Armageddon war between "Christianity" and godless communism.

His listeners were assured, however, that Armageddon would be no mere political conflict or atomic war between blocs of nations but will be the "war of the great day of God the Almighty." That war got its name from Megiddo, at which place God repeatedly fought battles for his people, thus causing them to be victorious. So the question is not *which* side will win, but *who* is on the winning side.

"The march to Armageddon is on, the nations being irresistibly drawn on by malicious superhuman forces consisting of Satan and his demons." Abundant proof was given that Satan the Devil is the prince, ruler, spirit, god of this wicked system of things. While the nations claim to be Christian, their record proves that they are part of the Devil's world.

Continuing, the speaker next identified the "false prophet" mentioned in the book of Revelation as the Anglo-American combine that had its beginning in the seventeenth century when the British empire began and the thirteen American colonies were established. This combine prophesied great things for the League of Nations and therefore proved itself to be a false prophet. Today the political and religious leaders of Britain and America take the lead in supporting the United Nations organization and foretell great things for it. These predictions of theirs will also fail, further proving them to be false prophets.

Forcefully the point was made that mere international peace has never meant God's kingdom. World peace would never mean the converting of the nations nor mean their handing over to God their allegiance. No, even with international peace it still would be true that friendship with the world is enmity with God.

God's war of Armageddon must of necessity strike all nations, whether they are of the Eastern or the Western bloc, because "they are, one and all, opposed to Jehovah's appointed and now-installed Ruler of his new world. They refuse to recognize that Jehovah God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is the One to decide who shall rule this earth and when he shall rule it." According to God's Word, the time for men to rule without interference ended in 1914. Therefore the question now is not, Shall East yield to West, or West yield to East, but rather will the nations yield to the King of kings?

The choice is between the old world and the new world, it was emphasized. This is no time to offer a cheap, deceptive, unworkable substitute for God's kingdom, but a time for the real thing. Men claim that World War III is inescapable if the United Nations fails, but the real truth is that *Armageddon* is inescapable if the United Nations is not abandoned and junked and its member nations and all others do homage to the One whom God has set as King of his holy government. But since Satan is the god of this world, the nations will follow the course they are pursuing until Armageddon.

"Our appeal is therefore to the people as individuals. Let no one be deceived," the speaker continued. This is no time for lasting, durable peace for this world. In fact, it is perilous to be thrown off guard by peace propaganda, peace aims and peace moves of this world. Because the new-world government has been established in the heavens, Jehovah's witnesses are preaching the good news, not to convert the world, but only for a witness.

By a superficial peace the nations will cry, "Peace and safety." Then when this is combined with their united assault on the Kingdom publishers sudden destruction will come upon them and "they will by no means escape." Armageddon will be no mere World War III, but will be of universal proportions. Worlds will be in collision. Jehovah's forces will destroy not only all his visible enemies but also his invisible foes, Satan and his demons. It will mean not just a revolution such as those in France and America, which temporarily improved things a little, but will mean a completely new world.

The most important new thing about this new world will be the God of the new heavens and the new earth, the one living and true God. He will manifest his supremacy over men by means of a new heavens consisting of Christ Jesus and the spiritual congregation of Christians limited to 144,000. It will be a perfect government and will enforce God's law. And it will have perfect representatives visible on earth, men of faith who proved their integrity under test in this devilish old world.

In that new world there will be a new parentage. At present it is popular to mouth the catch phrase, "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." However, the only brotherhood that men have is in all having a common ancestor in Adam. Actually those who manifest the spirit of Satan have the Devil as their father. But in the new world all men who will gain everlasting life through Christ

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Identity of "Desire of All Nations" Revealed

Franz Spotlights "Great Crowd" in Fulfillment of Haggai 2:7

Conventioners were gripped by intense suspense Sunday morning as the assembly awaited the answer to the question as to the identity of the "desire of all nations." Vice-President F. W. Franz electrified the assembly as he revealingly exclaimed: "You thousands of the anointed remnant of Jehovah's witnesses who are here today, lift up your eyes and sweep them about this vast structure of Yankee Stadium and behold the tens on tens of thousands of people of good will from scores of nations and languages. There is the answer of Jehovah of hosts to the question!"

Franz based his engrossing discourse, "Filling the House with Glory," on Haggai 2: 7, *Darby Trans.:* "I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith Jehovah of hosts." How is his house being filled with glory? By Jehovah's bringing into his house of worship the "great crowd" of desirable ones from all nations.

When Jehovah enthroned his King, Christ Jesus, in 1914, the nations had reason to fear for future existence. "They now had God's kingdom to reckon with!" The growth of the New World society has served to shake the nations still more.

"The Desire of All Nations"

The result of Jehovah's shaking Satan's world is that something must come. Haggai said it was "the desire of all nations." This at first was thought to be the coming of God's unshakable kingdom. Later the prophecy's fulfillment was narrowed down to Christ the King, the interpretation being based on the *King James Version*, which is in agreement with the old Latin *Vulgate*. "But Haggai 2: 7," explained Franz, "is a prophecy of the restoration period of God's people and therefore cannot be thrown back to 1918 before their restoration started." The coming of what was desirable did not apply before the remnant were restored from Babylon in 1919, nor even in that year. Why further could not the prophecy be applied to the enthroned King, Christ? Because the Hebrew text forbids it!

The light became brilliant as Franz explained that the word translated "desire" is in the singular number, yet the Hebrew verb accompanying it is in the plural. Most modern translations render it in harmony with the Greek *Septua-*

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Sunday morning speakers Dwenger, Macmillan, Franz, Clay

Brother Tan, Indonesia

"Desire of All Nations" (*Cont'd*)

gint, wherein the singular Hebrew noun is rendered in the collective sense. Thus some modern translations render "desire": "the precious things," "choicest things" and "the treasures" of all the nations.

Jehovah's shaking of the nations would produce certain results toward his house. Franz then referred to many parallel prophecies such as Isaiah 66:10-14 and 61:1-7. The "treasures of all the nations" are the "strangers" and "foreigners" of good will who "feed flocks" in a spiritual sense. Their services thus benefit Jehovah's "royal priesthood."

Zechariah 8: 20-23 was then quoted, pertaining to ten men out of all languages who take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew and say, 'We will go with you.' What entrancing joy filled the hearts of the spiritual remnant as Franz exclaimed that already the good-will companions outnumber the remnant more than ten to one! Jehovah has shaken all the nations by the preaching of the good news of the Kingdom in all the inhabited earth for the purpose of a witness to all the nations. The remnant used to think it would be necessary for Jehovah to raise from the dead the "so great a cloud of witnesses," estimated at just seventy, to strengthen the spiritual remnant. At this point Franz thrillingly declared:

"But today look up, you remnant, see the so great cloud of modern witnesses with which Jehovah God has surrounded you, all of them showing the genuine faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets!" "What more can the anointed remnant ask for now than this in the way of divine miracles? The loyal companionship and support of this 'great crowd' of modern witnesses of Jehovah." The people of good will who dedicate their lives to Jehovah God are the choicest things that the nations have in Jehovah's sight. Their lives are precious, real treasures, to him.

These desirable ones from all nations, Jehovah brings into the temple. "Thus with the coming in of the desirable things of all the nations the promise of Jehovah to his remnant of anointed temple workers has been fulfilled: 'And I will fill this house with glory, saith Jehovah.'" Now the house of "Jehovah's worship has been filled with a glory that eclipses not only what occurred with Solomon's temple but also what has occurred during all the nineteen centuries that Jehovah has been preparing the 'living stones' for the erection of a complete temple, 'a spiritual house.'"

Could the nations of this world fulfill Isaiah 2: 2-4, relating to the beating of swords into plowshares? No! The "world's disarmament conferences are not for total disarmament but for mere limitation of armaments." When Armageddon strikes them, Franz said, "they will be armed to the teeth"!

The "great crowd" of desirable ones out of all nations now practice total disarmament. When Armageddon strikes, they will lend every man a helping hand to his brother, while people of the nations turn every man's hand against his brother.

Pacific Isles Report

The program "The Pacific Islands Express Their Gladness" was presented Sunday morning by branch servants and representatives from six island lands. As the assembly heard gratifying reports of prosperity, the conventioners beheld the increase, as evidenced by the sign on the playing field: From 26,690 publishers to 31,304!

Branch servant T. Jaracz of Australia spoke of Isaiah's words that the isles would wait for Jehovah's law. Australia has circuits as large as the state of Texas. One congregation holds territory stretching out 600 miles. The increase in Australia? Over 7,000 publishers, a 25 per cent increase.

Many problems are being overcome with the help of Jehovah's spirit in the Fiji Islands, said branch servant A. W. Checksfield. In these islands of 312,000 population, there were only six publishers in 1949. Now there are 40 worshiping Jehovah in holy array.

When witnessing in Hawaii, said branch servant K. M. Barnhart, "you are liable to meet Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos of several dialects, Spanish and Portuguese all in one block!" So publishers must carry a wide variety of literature. Pioneers sowed the seed of Kingdom truth in these islands in the 1920's. This seed has sprouted, declared Barnhart.

Branch servant Tan Hoat Kie then discussed the Kingdom work in Indonesia, a land with a population of seventy-five million people. The Islam religion, professed by 95 per cent of the Indonesian people, makes it difficult to bring the good news to them. One hundred and sixty-two publishers reported in April.

New Zealand is perhaps the most remote of the Society's branches, said branch servant R. Lazenby. Yet 48 New Zealand delegates came to this assembly! Lazenby declared, "During the past six years our publishers have increased from 790 in 1948 to more than 1,600 in 1953, with a peak of 1,798 publishers this year. At the beginning of the year we had 62 congregations, now there are 73."

E. K. Stewart next discussed the Kingdom work being done in the Philippine Republic. Here there are twenty million people, five languages and more than a hundred dialects.

Concluding the morning's program was "Joys of the Past, Present and Future," a symposium of three speakers, H. Dwenger, E. Clay and A. H. Macmillan.

Public Relations Department Goes International

The New World society astounded the nations by producing, as if out of nowhere, a global press service comparable in size to the mightiest commercial press services. This press service was utilized to inform 127 nations that Jehovah's witnesses were on their way to the greatest assembly the world would ever see.

"Theocratic Press," directed from the Brooklyn home office, operated through 65 other branch offices world-wide. Newspapers and radio stations were supplied with news releases. A tremendous international press resulted.

In the United States and Canada each of the 3,756 local congregations was issued a form release to be filed with their home media. It is not possible to estimate the number of items printed and broadcast, as each congregation had from one to a dozen or more newspapers and radio and TV stations to contact.

To give you some aspects of New World Public Relations in action, the *Report* arranged for an interview with the director of the department, Milton G. Henschel. The interview follows:

What was the objective of the Public Relations department? To furnish factual information to all news outlets. To maintain contact with them. To keep them supplied with preconvention and convention releases as we made news.

Was much preconvention work done? Internationally, yes. All the branches issued preconvention stories about the delegates who were coming to America for the assembly.

Then, too, the Brooklyn office issued a form news release and sent it out to all the Canadian and United States congregations for the congregational supervisors to use in meeting their local media. There are 3,756 Canadian and American congregations. Each congregation issued news releases; some to a county paper and others to the dozens of newspapers and radio stations in great cities like Chicago and Los Angeles.

Did you get preconvention stories published from the Brooklyn office also? Some, yes. Both printed in the newspaper and broadcast over the radio.

How many contacts did you serve from Brooklyn? There were 65 daily newspapers, 161 weekly newspapers, 33 news services, 19 magazines, 15 newsreel and photo services, 25 radio stations, 32 radio-and-TV stations, and 7 TV stations.

Did all these give you preconvention news? Not all. We maintained personal contact with all the Manhattan papers and radio and TV stations, and it all built up to a favorable reception when the assembly began. The leading papers of Westchester County and the Bronx were served regularly by a brother. Over in New Jersey about 200 newspapers were served regularly during preconvention and convention activity.

What over-all response did you get? It is impossible to say. We did not try to estimate the nation-wide and international coverage served by the branches and congregational centers. But speaking of the New York press and a sampling of nearby papers, we found that by Sunday morning, July 26, 6,000 column inches of material had been printed in the newspapers.

How about radio and TV reception? They gave excellent coverage.

And moving pictures? What newsreel material we have seen

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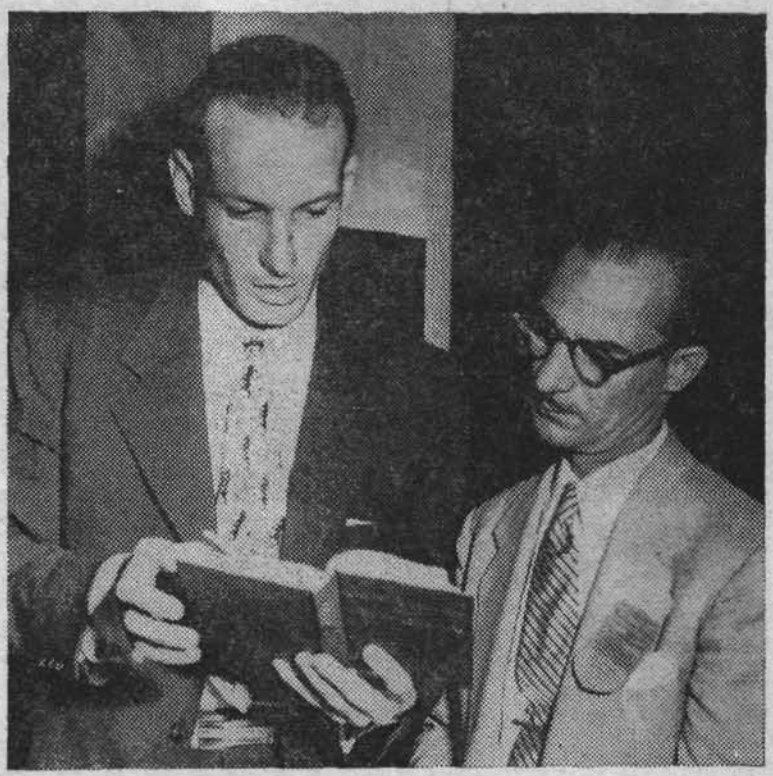


M. G. Henschel, convention public relations director, explaining use of the name "Jehovah" in *New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures* to Norman Brown, Associated Press representative at convention. By Friday Associated Press reports had come in from as far away as California.

THE PRESS SPEAKS!

Said the New York *World-Telegram and Sun* about Jehovah's witnesses: "We vote that our city's latchstring be permanently left out for these earnest people." (July 22 issue) The first of fine publicity came during the rooming work when every one of New York's newspapers told of the need for accommodations. "Will you rent a room to Jehovah's witnesses?" asked a headline in the Kings County *Chronicle*, June 15.

One unusual announcement for rooms was in *The Epiphany News*, published by the Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal), Avenue R, at East 18th Street, in Brooklyn: "Jehovah's witnesses and the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society are bringing an estimated 125,000 people from 90 different lands to join in a religious convention at Yankee Stadium from July 19-26. Housing the great crowd presents a challenge to New York City. Hotels will be packed out. Private homes are being canvassed to rent rooms for the occasion. All the delegates are ministers and missionary workers, plus their families. We can show kindness by offering rooms if we have them."

Witnesses Warmly Welcomed

Over near Trailer City the Dunellen (N.J.) *Weekly Call* announced atop its first page on July 16: "Welcome to Dunellen, Jehovah's Witnesses." This same paper, in a column "Seen and Heard" by Bill Walsh, said: "Up to the present time there have been many opinions expressed on the huge 'tent-and-trailer' city that the Jehovah's Witnesses have set up . . . some for and some against. But now that they're here, we'd like to say that they certainly deserve credit for their faith that they have in their beliefs, whether we agree with those beliefs or not."

Another column in this paper, "Uncle George Says," made this extensive expression: "Three years ago about 15,000 . . . Jehovah's Witnesses spent a week in a trailer camp in Piscataway Township. . . .

"They are back this year, more than 20,000 strong, and are being welcomed by businessmen, officials and people in general. There is good reason for such welcome. The lack of any word of criticism concerning these strangers in our midst three years ago would be remarkable in itself, but their welcome back rests on even a more substantial foundation, words of praise based upon actual experience which established them as a group of people possessing a type of honesty and sincerity that is not expected from the average run of human beings today. . . .

"These people cause no disturbances, build their own city in the open fields with volunteer labor, pay for what they need, conduct themselves like ladies and gentlemen, keep their promises, clean up before they leave and are sincerely missed when the cars and trailers with license plates from everywhere head homeward, which will be too soon. . . . we hope to see them back."

One item of contention did arise, however. While the Milltown (New Jersey) *Sentinel* announced "Witnesses' conclave to show world unity is still possible," the lack of unity among the old world's politicians was evident near the Trailer City when the Democrats thought they had an issue against the Republicans. The Piscataway *Chronicle* showed the ridiculousness of the criticisms, however, when it reminded: "The argument about taxing the police doesn't stand up, because experience has shown the JW's to be one of the most orderly groups one could

Public Relations *(Cont'd)*

so far has been satisfactory. It gives a representative picture of the assembly.

Was the public relations work a success? Throughout we had a good press.

How large a staff did you have? Well, by the time preconvention activities were under way we had an organization of about 25 persons operating every week end. A staff of 6 worked full time. During the convention a staff of 17 worked full time, together with a varying number of translators. The Trailer City also had a staff of 25 Public Relations workers. We had a combined staff of about 45, not counting the interpreters.

This, of course, is the headquarters staff? Yes. It does not take in the 65 non-American branches, nor the 3,756 local congregational public relations workers.

Were there many problems? The only difficulty was making contacts with some radio and television programs.

How were the problems overcome? By persistent efforts. In many instances we gave them written notice, with background material. Then we followed through with a phone call and arranged for interviews to discuss the matter.

Radio and TV Schedule

Radio, June 30, 9:00 a.m., WWRL: Interview by Alva John.

Radio, July 16, 6:00 p.m., WLIB: K. Weigand interviewed by Charles Campbell.

Radio, July 19, 11:45 a.m., on NBC network: N. H. Knorr interviewed by Ben Grauer.

Radio, July 19, 4:00 p.m., CBS network: H. C. Covington interviewed by Don Hollenbeck.

TV, July 21, 2:30 p.m., Channel 7: Nancy Craig program—New Zealand sister interviewed; put on Maori dance. Group of girls from New Zealand sang accompaniment.

Radio, July 23, 12:00 midnight, WMCA: H. C. Covington interviewed on Barry Gray Show.

TV, July 23, 10:45 p.m., WABD: 15-minute Society-sponsored program covering assembly, with M. G. Henschel.

TV, July 24, 4:00 p.m., Channel 5: Brother Halvajian interviewed on Food for Thought program with Virginia Graham.

Radio, July 24, 12:15 p.m., WWRL: German interview.

Radio, July 25, 11:15 p.m., WABC: 20 minutes with H. C. Covington.

find; as for fire protection, they have their own; and as for the argument about violating the building laws, the Democrats, or anyone else, ought to know that . . . [the officials] have never stood for any violations of the law. . . . In addition to that, we know from having had personal contact with the JW's when they were here in 1950 that they bend over backward to observe all laws of the township as faithfully as possible."

Behavior of Delegates

The larger papers in New York city were equally lavish in their praise. Calling the first day's crowd "a moving display of faith," the New York *Times* said (July 20): "The participants, from over the country and most parts of the world, outnumbered the greatest baseball crowd ever to attend a game in New York."

The next day the *Herald Tribune* said: "Jehovah's Witnesses bring some friendly, pleasant faces to New York, and when the members of the religious faith gather in Yankee Stadium, it is an awesome sight. More than 80,000 people were present at the opening rally, a crowd which the stadium has seldom seen."

The grounds were well described in the New York *Times*, Monday, July 20: "To any baseball fan, the transformation of the Yankee field was wholly remarkable. Home plate was covered by a cluster of sixteen amplifiers, banked with potted plants. The pitcher's box became a circle of red, white and yellow blossoms. The orchestra was seated behind second base, with an upright golden harp where the bag would be. Spreading around from first base to third was a mass array of ageratum, marigold, geranium, lily, petunia, hydrangea, dahlia and scarlet sage. A clear fountain played all day near the spot heretofore identified with second basemen like Billy Martin, Joe Gordon and Tony Lazzeri."

The *World-Telegram and Sun* said: "All went well at the cafeteria, however. From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the four Big Top tents, occupying 153,000 square feet along E. 157th St., served their 65-cent luncheon special: roast beef, potatoes, salad, roll, punch and pie. The diners were remarkably patient folks. . . . They showed none of the grumbling that hunger and heat are likely to cause."

The orderliness was pointed out in this statement: "Yankee Stadium has never seen a more orderly crowd, and the diamond was tastefully decorated with potted plants and a golden harp." —*Herald Tribune*, July 21.

The *World-Telegram and Sun* put it this way: "Yesterday the Yankee Stadium bore all the markings of a gala World Series. . . . But the demeanor of the crowd (not a huzzah, cheer or jeer to be heard) and the goings-on at the diamond (bases blooming with geraniums, marigolds and petunias) presented quite a different picture from the Bronx Bombers' batting spectacles."—July 20.

Friendly and in Good Taste

Editorially the New York *Times* made a point of commenting on the "many men and women, boys and girls" wearing lapel cards, identifying them as convention attenders, and said (July 25): "Above the cards have been the open, sincere, often lively faces of many obvious out-of-towners. The sight of these people and the daily reports of their activities at Yankee Stadium and their encampment at New Market can't help but have impressed New Yorkers with the orderly fashion in which they have prosecuted their business."

Further comments: "The New World Assembly of the 125,000 members of the Jehovah's Witness sect here is notable for its good taste, adult decorum and its stoical indifference to the turkish bath climate it has encountered. Their encampment at New Market, N. J.—a settlement which might easily have been an unsightly, unclean shack city—seems to be a model of good planning and wise organization. . . . We vote that our city's latchstring be permanently left out for these earnest people. . . . We hope, too, that their example will start a trend among some of the wayward, middle-aged adolescents who hold their annual cutups here."—New York *World-Telegram and Sun*, Wednesday, July 22, 1953.

Engineering and Installing the Assembly

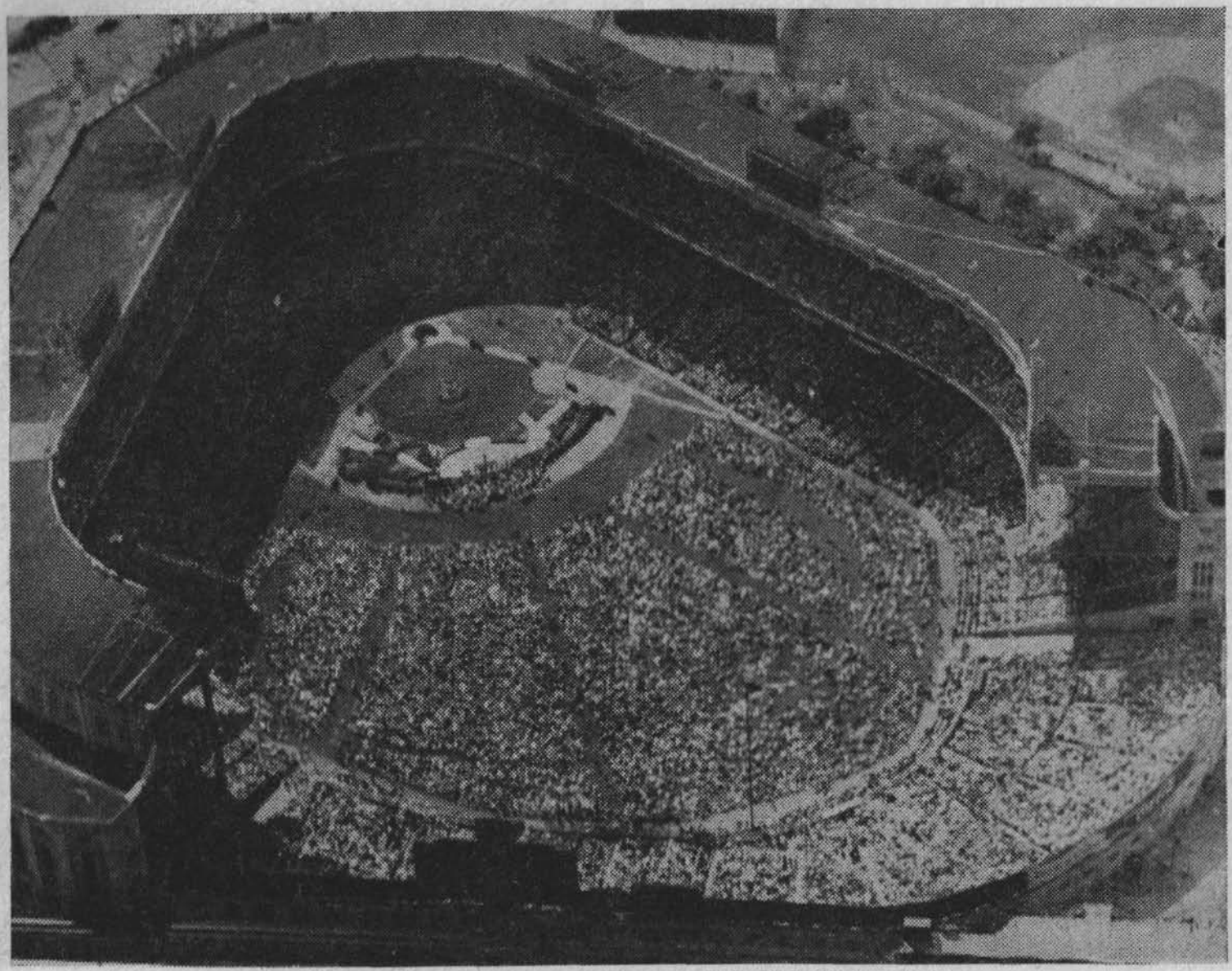
An Installation crew of pipe fitters, plumbers, steam fitters, electricians, mechanics and carpenters, guided by the Engineering staff—380 hardy volunteers all together, set about to engineer and install the biggest assembly ever held, as far back as April 1 of this year.

"Compared with the 1950 convention, we doubled our efforts," said staff member William E. Walker, special pioneer from De Funiak Springs, Florida.

Among things never done before, Installation rigged up a 375-gallon coffee maker; it was so huge that eight power pumps had to be tied on just to "turn" the coffee in the boilers. High-pressure steam boilers were installed to triple the efficiency of kitchen food processors. At Trailer City the 200-gallon-a-minute well of water that Jehovah's witnesses dug (where engineers said there was no water) was made to yield its full flow by a three-stage centrifugal booster pump system worked out by Engineering and set up by Installation.

In the kitchen roof skylights, immense silent blowers were installed to suck up the hot air from the 20,000-square-foot cookery.

Maintenance



Aerial view of public lecture record crowd of 91,562 in Yankee Stadium

Assembly High Lights

Right after Franz' Sunday morning discourse, the convention servant, John Groh, enhanced the delight of an already exuberant assembly. He spoke on "Some High Lights on the Assembly"—facts and figures, the latest ones to bring us up to date, that are so startlingly absorbing that the high points of the talk are presented below:

Preparation for the assembly did not begin when it moved into Yankee Stadium, but started several months before. One of the largest tasks was obtaining rooms. Local congregations contributed 133,825 hours in the rooming work! While doing this, publishers placed 323,539 booklets, 45,019 magazines and over a million convention invitations. "The householders of this city have been most hospitable and have manifested the fact that they are happy we came to New York."

But the rooming problems would have been much more acute had it not been for the most flourishing community in New Jersey—Trailer City. The problem here was to provide water, lights and utilities for such an enormous city. The Trailer City was two and a half times the size of the one in 1950. "To make the camp comfortable," Groh said, "it meant putting up 70 buildings, including cafeteria, stores, laundry rooms, shower rooms and the erecting of nineteenth-century outdoor plumbing. It required over 240,000 feet of lumber, the laying of 40,000 feet of pipe and the putting up of the electric light system, with 35 miles of wire strung along 650 poles."

The population of Trailer City far exceeded the requests for space: There were 32,000 requests, but the final census counted 45,453! "That is larger than either of the two neighboring cities of Plainfield and New Brunswick, and is the largest city in the county." Groh then remarked about the excellent co-operation received from the township officials.

"Let's take a look at the largest feeding establishment in town"—the assembly cafeteria. There were 40 sixty-gallon steam kettles, 10 large multiple 4-deck bake ovens, several fish fryolators and other stoves, and 7 walk-in refrigerators. "It was necessary to supply all the food needed for maintaining the 37 feeding lines and dining rooms, with an aggregate total of 6,000 feet of eating tables." "Can you imagine 100,000 pounds of fresh beef in your icebox?" Groh asked the assembly. He pointed out that this is the equivalent of 165 steers. Additionally, 16,000 pounds of fish and ham were consumed. Over 7,000 pounds of turkey were prepared for Sunday's dinner alone!

"Normally we speak of quantities of food in pounds; this year we can use the term *tons*. We used 36 tons of potatoes and 140 tons of groceries of all kinds. This all went into the serving of over 450,000 meals. If all were served at once it would make a continuous dining line all the way to Philadelphia."

As to refreshment stands, Groh explained: "We served over 800,000 sandwiches, of which 580,000 were hot dogs. And if they were being eaten simultaneously by persons side by side, the line would extend beyond Baltimore. That is about as far as we had better go, because if we continued it with persons eating 500,000 pieces of ice cream, drinking 375,000 cold drinks, we would be well into the Gulf of Mexico! We still haven't included the 53,200 pies."

Groh then told of the health official who spoke with amazement of the 1950 cafeteria that served 300,000 meals, and, as he put it, with not one "belly-ache." Then Groh remarked, amid applause, "We haven't had one this year either!"

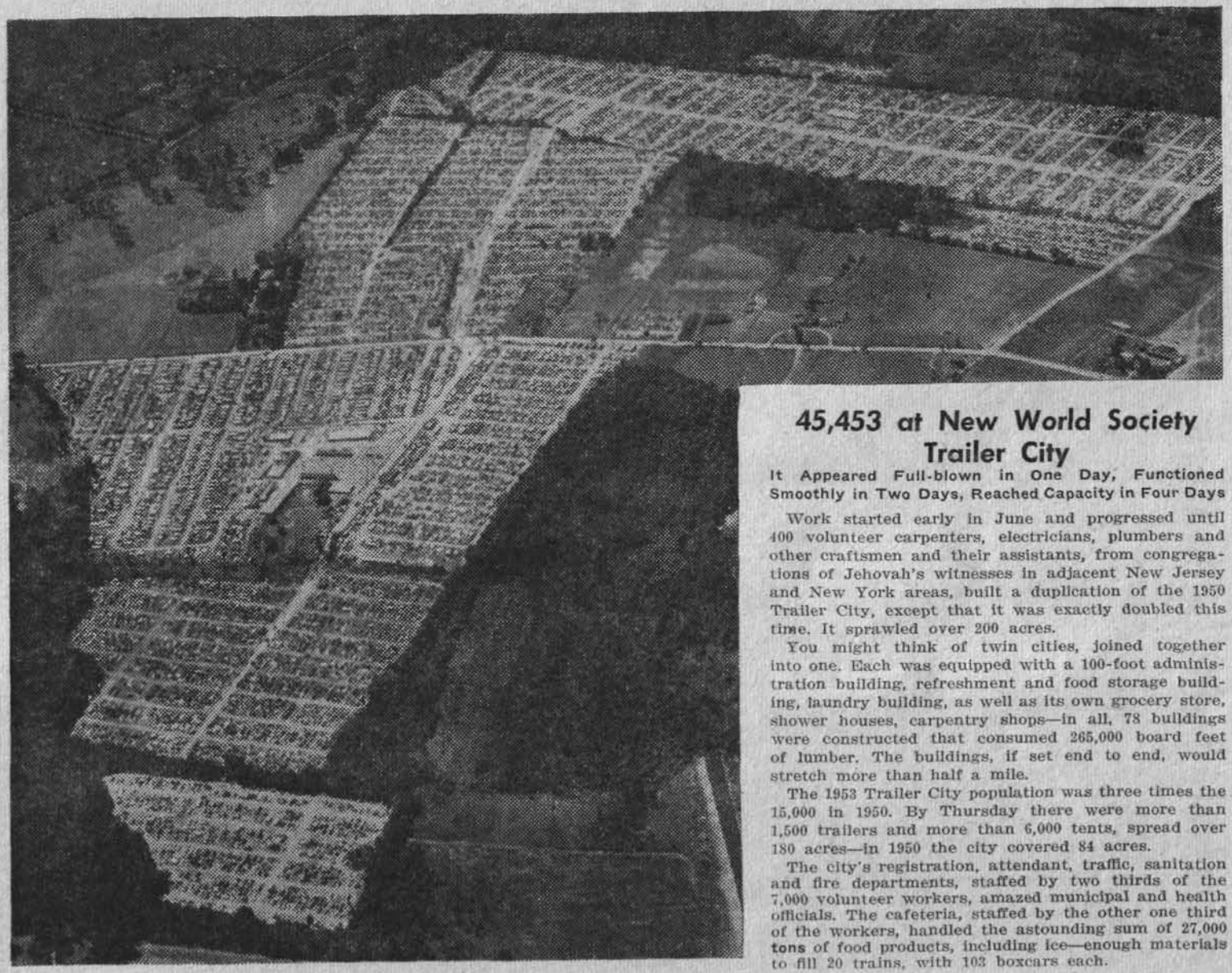
J. O. Groh, convention servant

To enable all to hear the programs in the stadium, in the surrounding lots and at the trailer city, over 200 sound horns were required. Then an example of the integrity and honesty of the brothers was given.

No trucks were rented to transport food and equipment, for the brothers loaned 70 trucks with a capacity of 231 tons. "Besides all our own trucking, the city Sanitation Department hauls away 17 to 20 large truckloads of trash, rubbish and garbage every day. This will mean a total of approximately 400 tons for the eight days. That is real co-operation!"

There were between 15,000 and 20,000 volunteer workers distributed among all the departments. Their work made the functioning of the assembly possible. "Their co-operation has been excellent," said Groh, "and because of it we can accomplish that which amazes the world."

"I would like to state that the co-operation of the Yankee Management and those with whom we have worked, the various city departments, building, police, health and fire, and unions, has been the best ever. And the publicity for the assembly was the best ever.



45,453 at New World Society Trailer City

It Appeared Full-blown in One Day, Functioned Smoothly in Two Days, Reached Capacity in Four Days

Work started early in June and progressed until 400 volunteer carpenters, electricians, plumbers and other craftsmen and their assistants, from congregations of Jehovah's witnesses in adjacent New Jersey and New York areas, built a duplication of the 1950 Trailer City, except that it was exactly doubled this time. It sprawled over 200 acres.

You might think of twin cities, joined together into one. Each was equipped with a 100-foot administration building, refreshment and food storage building, laundry building, as well as its own grocery store, shower houses, carpentry shops—in all, 78 buildings were constructed that consumed 265,000 board feet of lumber. The buildings, if set end to end, would stretch more than half a mile.

The 1953 Trailer City population was three times the 15,000 in 1950. By Thursday there were more than 1,500 trailers and more than 6,000 tents, spread over 180 acres—in 1950 the city covered 84 acres.

The city's registration, attendant, traffic, sanitation and fire departments, staffed by two thirds of the 7,000 volunteer workers, amazed municipal and health officials. The cafeteria, staffed by the other one third of the workers, handled the astounding sum of 27,000 tons of food products, including ice—enough materials to fill 20 trains, with 103 boxcars each.

Concluding the New World Society Assembly

The public talk was over. The sun dropped behind the stadium walls and shadows quickly covered the playing field. Overhead hung fleecy clouds and a fanlike evening breeze refreshed the crowds that remained for the final session. The stadium was filled to overflowing.

Promptly at 5: 50 p.m., the clear voice of the orchestra leader drew the attention of the audience. "Jehovah has been so full of mercy and we are happy," he said. With songs Nos. 29 and 6, "Happy Are the Merciful," and "Blessed Are the People!" the program was under way.

Scarcely a soul moved when N. H. Knorr began his discourse treating Psalm 145. His opening words were: "It certainly has been a wonderful assembly of Jehovah's people." A spontaneous wave of applause rang through the park expressing agreement. He continued: 'We are very grateful to Jehovah God because we know that he is the Universal Sovereign, that he is the Chief or Supreme Ruler over all others including His Son, Christ Jesus.' He is Ruler over all mankind.

Then he showed how faithful prophets and disciples of Christ stood fast for pure worship, never compromising their devotion, saying: "We must obey God as ruler rather than men." (Acts 5:29, *New World Trans.*) Throughout the hour-long talk he stressed the need of praising Jehovah, exalting him as God, advertising him as Universal Sovereign and making known his kingship. As the psalmist praised Jehovah, so do we. David wrote: "I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever." (Psalm 145:1, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) No halfhearted, indifferent praise or a praise that is dampened, but a praise filled with determination to serve Jehovah forever and ever.

The need for every dedicated servant of God to be able to identify the name of Jehovah was emphasized. "Our everlasting life depends upon it. Jehovah will cover his name with glory, but it is up to us to cover it with praise and blessing now!" Knorr showed from scriptures that Jehovah is a God worthy of praise, because of his creative works, his qualities, provisions, purposes, faithfulness; and, too, praising him is for the everlasting good of the creature.

We will say as did David, "Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever." (Psalm 145:2, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) Then Mr. Knorr announced that this text would be the "Yeartext for 1954." He announced the final figures of the afternoon attendance: 91,562 in the stadium, 25,240 in the overflow around the stadium and 49,027 in Trailer City, which makes a grand total of 165,829 lovers of righteousness that heard the lecture. "We can't stop now," he said. Let us bring all kinds of men to the New World society. When we leave here to our little congregations, little towns and lands beyond these shores, we are going to preach, because the Word of God says, 'Go and preach!'

Informally, he told of F. W. Franz, vice-president of the Watch Tower society, being invited to take a trip through Central America, and M. G. Henschel and himself planning to tour through South America sometime during November through December and some of January. This news was received with great enthusiasm. Excitement ran high. Applause came frequently and spontaneously.

The assembly was commended for its good behavior. "I think I can say I see a big difference in the last three years," said Mr. Knorr. "I have always admired the African children because of how well behaved they are. I think, children, you are becoming like those Africans." A shout of laughter and applause followed.

He advised the audience to continue wearing their badges "to let New York city know we are still around." First of all, he went on to say, we want to thank Jehovah for making all things possible. He told of the good treatment by the Yankee Stadium officials. In fact, Mr. Knorr said, they want to know when we can return! Would you like to come back? A sustained applause was their reply. Police and other city officials, including the press, were very kind. Mr. Knorr told of meeting the owner of the farm where the trailer city was located. The man said: "Brother Knorr, I always wanted to meet you." I would like to buy a 1,000-acre farm in Florida and invite all of Jehovah's witnesses down to have their convention. To those who labored endless hours to "make this convention possible," "we love them for their labors. We want to say thank you from our hearts."

Mr. Knorr then announced what was planned for the future: 1954, district assemblies world-wide; 1955, a series of conventions stretching from the west coast of the United States, through Canada, over to London, Paris, Germany and other European countries. He suggested that the American and Canadian brothers begin to save their money, so that in 1955 "a tremendous delegation can be sent to Europe to attend their assemblies."

In closing, the president lovingly admonished those assembled that "no matter how small the unit or how great the assembly, the New World society will travel right on through the battle of Armageddon under Jehovah's protection. So let us all bless Jehovah by our returning to our homes and carrying on faithfully in our service."

With song No. 41, "Sing Triumphal Praise!" and a prayer to Jehovah God, the greatest assembly of our Christian era came to a happy ending.

Spanish Audience Considers God's Way

An enthusiastic audience of 4,075 Spanish-speaking men and women streamed in from all sides of Yankee Stadium early Sunday afternoon, and settled in Sections 12-16. For them this could well be the main event of the New World Society Assembly. There had already been three joyful Spanish sessions earlier in the week, but the widely advertised talk "It Is Time to Consider God's Way" was to be the culminating point of this shower of blessings from on high.

R. M. Gonzalez

It had been hoped that many of New York's thousands of Spanish-speaking people would be reached with the joyful message of hope and be stirred to come and 'consider God's way.' A goodly number of such persons were in attendance.

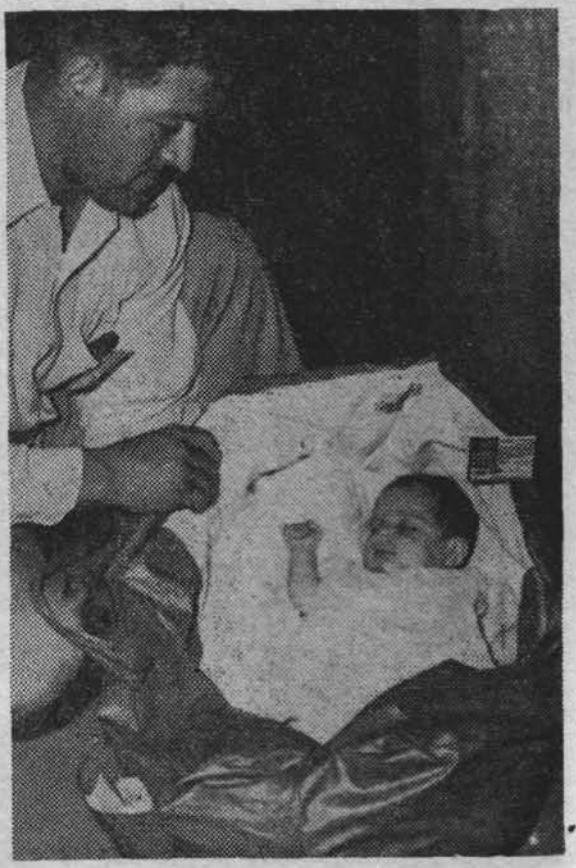
Appropriately situated behind gleaming white letters on a green background of grass announcing "The New World Society in 143 Lands," chairman C. R. Eisenhower started the afternoon off with thrilling messages from such countries as Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Argentina and Chile. From territory after territory came words of love and unity, bringing brothers in distant lands close to the thousands assembled in Yankee Stadium.

Promptly at 1 p.m. the principal speaker, Ramon Manuel Gonzalez, vice-president of the Watch Tower Society in Cuba, began his public address "It Is Time to Consider God's Way." Showing that God's way is love, the speaker forcefully brought out that Jehovah God does not coerce his people. Such doctrines as "hell-fire," "purgatory" and "prayers for the dead" could not originate with a God of love, and, hence, of necessity came from Jehovah's adversary, Satan the Devil. On the other hand, in addition to the many things that creatures daily receive from the Creator, a loving and thoughtful provision to men was manifest in his Son, Christ Jesus, sent to open the way to life for all who would believe on Jehovah. All were urged to go to God's Word, the Bible, to make their minds over and line up with God's way while there is yet time.

More than thirty-four times the attentive audience broke into stirring applause in approval of the good things being said.

To the surprise and delight of all, Mr. Gonzalez concluded his stirring discourse with the release of a new booklet in the Spanish language, *El camino de Dios es el de amor*—the Spanish edition of *God's Way Is Love*. All were encouraged to compare it with their Bibles for proof of God's way, love. Results were immediate. One newly interested person inquired, "Where can I get a Spanish Bible?"

Blessed was the privilege of those in attendance.



"A young delegate relaxes"

Saturday Evening Session

After the fiery message by N. H. Knorr on "Flight to Safety with the New World Society," the talks on "Your Ministerial Manners" were a fitting conclusion to the convention's seventh day. This symposium was delivered by mature ministers with practical experience in the field. J. W. Stuefloten began, showing ministerial manners are not inherited. No, they must be cultivated by application of God's Word and by much training and discipline. Making them a habit, we will respond properly even when under pressure or persecution.

Concentrating on the manners of servants in the congregation, he said, in effect, 'You were not appointed by the circuit or congregation servant, but by Jehovah God through his organization. Proper manners on your part are shown by training others. Then, diligent planning of the congregation programs, taking interest in good-will persons attending meetings and proper supervision over your own homes as well as the congregation will assure you servants life for yourselves and others.'

O. L. Pillars' counsel was directed toward respect of the sexes for each other. It is entirely proper for them to associate together, but caution should be exercised to avoid even the appearance of evil. In selecting a mate the seriousness and permanence of the marriage tie must be considered. Married mates should constantly work to make their marriage a success before God. They should cultivate greater love with the years. Seeking individual association with others of the opposite sex is not conducive toward strengthening the marriage tie. "Let married people be seen with their mates and not running around with others," he said. Children should be with the parents a great deal of the time, especially at meetings and in the service.

U. V. Glass gave sound advice to the sisters. His colorful illustrations were well received by the audience. He described how God and Adam loved the original woman Eve for what she was. But she lost that favored place by developing bad, hypocritical manners, by going beyond her proper bounds.

Many women of the world today are like Eve. Being surrounded by such, it takes positive action, a new-world outlook and a complete making over of the mind on the part of women of Jehovah's witnesses to find this place of love and approval in the hearts of God and his faithful servants. Women in Christ share many privileges and have the same destiny as Christian men. Nevertheless, God recognizes their fleshly sexual distinctions. The fact that she has long hair should remind her of her position, even though she may be one of Christ's anointed body members.

Practical examples of good ministerial manners are manifested by her helping good-will persons and training them to support the servants in the congregation. She does not have authority to criticize the servants nor should she be upset when a brother tries to counsel her. She should comment at meetings, but should not try to be a "one-woman meeting." She will do better by giving others a chance to comment. Observing these things will result in her being received wholeheartedly into the family of God.

C. Barber next commented on the training and ordination of ministers. Women and children as well as men can be, and today thousands of them are, very active ordained ministers. Love, humility and teachableness are requirements that must be continually maintained. This type of manners is a direct about-face from the old world.

Last, N. Kovalak spoke on the hard fight to be put up for the faith. We can maintain such a fight by: (1) sticking to a definite time for study, (2) attending meetings without fail, (3) never being too tired for field service, (4) excluding immoral practices, (5) avoiding divisions, (6) helping others in these things.

High Lights from Europe

Prior to these talks European representatives gave reports and experiences proving that many people are indeed fleeing to safety with the New World society. The high lights were, briefly, A. Hau, Denmark: The value of helping others in field service. K. Harteva, Finland: How children are learning and helping others to flee. R. Tomaszewski: An example of French child ministers preaching. A seven-year-old minister, asked if he were paid, answered, "Why, yes, of course; all workers deserve salary. Jehovah God will give eternal life in the new world." I. Unterdorfer, Germany: Emphasis on tact and co-operation with our brothers and keeping in mind that the sheep are Jehovah's, not ours. E. Wauer, Eastern Germany: God's Word is not bound even in Communist prisons. Integrity is being maintained, preaching done and new ones are baptized inside prison walls. A. Sideris, Italy: New congregations in isolated territories are being established in the face of Catholic persecution.

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P. Idreos

Saturday Evening *(Cont'd)*

European Progress Not Without Opposition

Sweden's branch servant, J. H. Eneroth, reported a total of 5,824 active ministers in April. There the clergy of the Swedish State Church oppose the divine Name, Jehovah, omitting it from their Bible. This, combined with active opposition to Jehovah's witnesses by these clergymen, has resulted in publicity for the Kingdom, arousing curiosity among the people. He highlighted the need on the part of Kingdom publishers to place more attention on the use of the Bible itself in their door-to-door witnessing.

From France, branch servant L. Jontes says attention to the congregation book study feature of the organization has brought about unbreakable co-operation among the witnesses. A peak in May of 8,108 publishers of the Kingdom was reached. Seventy-five delegates from France attended the assembly.

E. Frost brought the good news that the work is carried on freely in Western Germany. He said that 959 congregations, with over 43,000 ministers, are now active in that land. In Eastern Germany the witnesses preach courageously, using cautious, tactful methods. *The Watchtower* is distributed there. One witness on trial, asked by the judge how many copies of *The Watchtower* he had taken into a certain town, replied: "Mr. Judge, you wouldn't be able to stand the strain of hearing the number."

P. Idreos of Greece cheered the conventioners with the news that Jehovah's witnesses in Greece are pushing the battle to the gate.

J. A. Romano of Italy said that the fear of the clergy anti-clericalism may become so strong that the walls of Vatican City will shake.

U. V. Glass

Mr. and Mrs. Chin and 5 little Chins from Cleveland, Ohio. A part of the Chinese delegation that is here from many parts of the United States, Hong Kong and Shanghai. All the little Chins are ministers of Jehovah God.

What Jehovah's Witnesses Believe

Jehovah is the Almighty God's name. His name is found in several places in the King James Version Bible, including Exodus 6:3: "by my name Jehovah," and Psalm 83:18: "thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth." It is not found in the Douay Bible at all, but is in the *American Standard Version* and in the original Hebrew text well over 6,000 times. Jehovah is not a nameless God, but by his name he is distinguished from all the pagan gods of heathendom.

Another interesting point is that Jehovah's Word, the Holy Bible, shows that he would have witnesses to his name: "Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and I am God." Jesus is spoken of as "the Faithful Witness." (Isaiah 43: 12; Revelation 1: 5; unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations in this write-up are from the *American Standard Version* for the Hebrew Scriptures or the *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures.*) A witness is one who has knowledge of a fact and tells others of it, and that is exactly the work of Jehovah's witnesses, who proclaim Jehovah's mighty acts, teach his Word, devote their lives to his service and bear testimony to his kingdom.

To worship Jehovah one must accept his Son, Christ Jesus, whom Revelation 3: 14 says was "the beginning of the creation by God." The life of that only-begotten Son of God was transferred to the womb of a virgin, and he was born and grew up as a man; he was made flesh. During his earthly life he proved his integrity to his Father in heaven, and he offered his life as a ransom from the sin and death brought on by Adam's rebellion.

Christ's kingdom will destroy all wickedness and wicked ones, bringing in not only perfect government, but also perfection of life to everyone who obeys the Kingdom rule.

The True Church

The true church has Christ as its Head. He is its Foundation Stone or Rock. No man has that position. Those composing the church are built upon that rock: "built up upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, while Christ Jesus himself is the foundation cornerstone." (Ephesians 2: 20) Thus, the church consists of 144,000 associates with Christ, resurrected to the heavens as kings and priests with him. (Revelation 14: 1) This group makes up the church, which is a body of Christians, not just a building.

With the church is also a great crowd, a multitude of men and women of all nations now participating in the preaching of this good news of the Kingdom. Their hope is for life on earth. Both classes are described by John in Revelation:

"And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, . . . After these things I saw, and, look! a great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, . . . And they keep on crying with a loud voice, saying: 'Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.'" —Revelation 7: 4, 9, 10.

The Seriousness of Our Day

We are living in the time of the consummation of the present system of things. Christ showed that his second presence and his taking of Kingdom power would mean turning his attention to the earth, and that then he would abolish Satan's system of world government. The "sign of the Son of man" would be the cumulative visible evidences that Christ is invisibly exercising Kingdom power, and these have been evident since the outbreak of World War I in 1914.

Paul prophesied concerning these last days, saying they would be critical, hard to deal with, because men would be selfish, haughty, blasphemers, fierce, proud, "lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God." (2 Timothy 3: 1-5) Jesus said they would include world wars, famines, disease epidemics, distress of nations, all in a concentrated dose, with feverish efforts to establish world government. But the preaching of this good news of the established Kingdom world-wide is the foremost evidence of all. "Then," said Christ, "the accomplished end will come." (Matthew 24: 14) He further said that the generation on which these things started would see their end! "Truly I say to you that this generation will by no means pass away until all these things occur."—Matthew 24: 34.

The New World

Armageddon, when God destroys wickedness, marks the accomplished end of this old world, but it will not mean the end of this literal globe. Ecclesiastes 1: 4 explains: "The earth abideth for ever." The end of the world means the end of this present worldly system of things under Satan's rule. Those who exercise faith in Jehovah God and publicly proclaim the truth, receiving God's favor, can survive Armageddon and find themselves directly on the road to life on earth in the new system that will replace this old one.

What blessings will it bring? The uplift of mankind to human perfection during Christ's 1,000-year reign will enable them to bring forth children and rear them in righteousness, to subdue and beautify the earth. None will oppress his neighbor, no individual will profit from another's labor, "they shall not build, and another inhabit," nor will their children be brought forth for destruction, "for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them." —Isaiah 65: 21-23.

God's Word assures us that all men will then be united in one true worship; that "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11: 9) Under this new world gradually

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Crowded stadium showing Sunday afternoon's attra

165,829 Attend! (Cont'd)

Jesus, because of his having given his life as a ransom for them, will have him as their "Everlasting Father." His will be a paternal government, a rulership of love. "How much mankind has needed such a rule of love instead of oppression and exploitation by parasite politicians!"

The King Christ Jesus, continued Knorr, will see to it that his subjects have a home worthy of his family, a home the equal of that of the first parents in Eden, a paradise that will be over all the earth. All graveyards will be wiped out by means of the resurrection of the dead. Christ Jesus as High Priest will take care of the health of the people, and mental and physical ills and deformities will be gradually lifted from those who submit to his treatments, restoring them to human perfection that was lost for them by Adam and Eve.

Christ Jesus will also attend to the education of his subjects in the requirements for everlasting life. He will teach them the truth and absolute righteousness. After a thousand years he will turn all mankind over to his Father, who will apply a test to determine who are unswervingly devoted to truth and righteousness. Those who rebel will, with the Devil and his demons, be destroyed forever.

Because Armageddon is so close many will enter the new world without needing to go down into death. In view of this the question that now confronts all is, "*Before* Armageddon—What?" That is a question that each one of us must settle for himself, he pointed out. If we hope to enter the new world just ahead, we must alter our lives now while this old world yet stands, and bring them in accord with the new-world standards.

We may not follow the world's desperate schemes, plans, arrangements and institutions for perpetuating the Devil's world, but must now associate ourselves with the New World society, which Jehovah God is forming under his King, Christ Jesus. "With it enjoy a part in spreading God's Word and its life-giving message, praising God's kingdom and new world to others and seeking out all his 'other sheep' and feeding and guiding them in God's ways.

"Prepare now for that eternity of all new things, to live in it and be forever happy. Avoid perishing with this old world in the 'war of the great day of God the Almighty.' Get ready now to live AFTER ARMAGEDDON in GOD'S NEW WORLD!"

At the conclusion of his prepared speech, Mr. Knorr made a few extemporaneous remarks. He urged his listeners to take their stand for the kingdom of God, for which so many have been praying. And after offering two copies of his lecture to each person present, one for himself and one to pass on to a friend, Mr. Knorr explained that the Biblical proof for what was said was in its pages and that his listeners should prove for themselves that they are living in the last days.

The program of the afternoon was begun at 3:15 with a musical program. The convention played seven medleys, each consisting of three "Kingdom songs" and which were very effectively arranged by the conductor, V. R. Duncombe of Canada. Featured also were songs by a soprano from Wiesbaden, Germany, and two recorded songs of South African witnesses. The entire assembly joined in singing songs Nos. 67 and 87. The musical program was announced by one of the WBBR staff.

Witnesses Believe *(Cont'd)*

there will be no more sorrowing, weeping or pain; even "death will be no more," because Christ "must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet" and "as the last enemy, death is to be destroyed."—Revelation 21:4; 1 Corinthians 15:25, 26.

With no death, there could be no war, so "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Of such peace Isaiah assures us "there shall be no end."—Isaiah 2:4; 9:7.

Isaiah 11:6, 7, 9 shows that even the animals will be at peace with one another and man will be at peace with them. Even the desert shall "blossom as the rose," for Jehovah did not create the earth a waste, but "formed it to be inhabited." The earth is his footstool, and he promises: "I will make the place of my feet glorious."—Isaiah 35:1; 45:18; 60:13.

That these promises are to be taken literally is clear from the prayer Jesus taught his disciples: "Let your kingdom come. Let your will come to pass, as in heaven, also upon earth." —Matthew 6:10.

Will those who have died be deprived of such blessings? No! Listen to Jesus' own words: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment."—John 5:28, 29.

False Doctrines Rejected

The Christian's worship must be pure, uncontaminated by paganism. The corruption, oppression, crime, poverty and warfare in Christendom today betray as false its claim to be Christ's kingdom. It does not produce the above-mentioned Kingdom fruits. Even further, many of its doctrines not only are not Christian, but are of pagan origin.

Note first of all the teaching of the trinity, the doctrine that three persons make up God, all three "co-eternal and co-equal; all alike are uncreated and omnipotent." While this doctrine is evident in Hinduism and in the ancient mythologies of the Persians, Egyptians, Romans, Japanese, Indians and Greeks, the term "trinity" is not even found in the Scriptures. Jesus did not say he was coequal with the Father, but said, "The Father is greater than I am," and John called Jesus "the beginning of the creation by God." (John 14:28; Revelation 3:14) Jesus did say: "I and the Father are one," but also prayed that his followers might become one in the same way, "I in union with them and you in union with me," showing that this oneness was in purpose, not in substance, body or godship.—John 10:30; 17:21, 23.

Another basic teaching of Christendom that is of pagan origin is that of the immortality of all human souls. Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and a host of the pagan religions believed it, while God's Word tells us, not that the soul is separate from man, but that man "became a living soul" at his creation. And since man dies, the Bible says the soul can die—in direct contradiction of the religious doctrine that says it cannot. (Genesis 2:7) Ezekiel 18:4, 20 says plainly, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die," and Psalm 89:48 and many other texts likewise bear this out.

What about the doctrine of eternal torment (hell) and purgatory? These, too, are taught in varying forms by the pagans, but the Bible does not say the wages of sin is eternal torment, rather it says "the wages sin pays is death." (Romans 6:23) It says man in this respect has "no preeminence above the beasts"; that when he dies, "in that very day his thoughts perish"; that knowledge, wisdom or ability to do any manner of work is gone. (Ecclesiastes 3:19; 9:5, 10; Psalm 146:4) Such texts as seem to indicate otherwise will be found, upon careful consideration of the context, to be figures of speech used by Christ in his parables or illustrations and in the highly figurative book of Revelation.

Likewise with the doctrine of purgatory. While it is discussed in the papyri of the pagan Egyptians and by others of heathendom, the word "purgatory" does not even appear in either the so-called "Old Testament" or the "New Testament."

Identifying True Doctrine

Truly these teachings are not supported in the Scriptures, and that is why Jehovah's witnesses reject them. With well over 200 kinds of religion in the United States alone, certainly not all could be right. Some are obviously teaching false doctrines. The only way to get back to the pure worship the apostles had is to get back to the Bible, which tells what they believed. And since every denomination has its "proof texts" it has been necessary to check every text that relates to every doctrine of Christendom. The job is monstrous and has taken decades, but to return to truth is the purpose of Jehovah's witnesses.

By the tens and hundreds of thousands sincere persons of all religions have recognized that. They have come from all denominations to get back through the cloud of human theories and corrupted traditions to the truth. We ask no one to accept that statement, only to prove it for himself. Thousands annually are doing so—that explains the tremendous growth among Jehovah's witnesses.

WHAT'S NEW?

Truly, as it was called early in the week, this was an assembly of releases! In addition to the flood of publications in English, there were new releases in well over threescore other languages.

The most stirring presentation Sunday was that of the new booklet *After Armageddon —God's New World*, released and given to the 165,829 persons in attendance Sunday afternoon. The 4,075 at the Spanish meeting enthusiastically received *God's Way Is Love* in their language.

For extensive use in the Pacific islands were the Sunday morning releases of *Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?* in Indonesian, Cebu-Visayan and Ibanag; *Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?* in Bicolano and Pampango; *"Let God Be True"* in Ilocano; *"The Truth Shall Make You Free"* in Tagalog, and *The Watchtower* in Ilocano.

Total releases for the entire assembly: 73! Truly an assembly of releases!

Police Co-operation

One of the staff of the *Report* interviewed Captain Albert Dunn of Traffic H, of the Bronx. He was asked what problems he had had in handling the crowd. "No problems," he said. He stated that he and some convention officials had gotten together some time ago. He said that he had made certain suggestions at that time and that all those had been followed here at the assembly and that everything had gone exceedingly smooth. He started out with about 35 men assigned, but by the final Sunday, from 3: 00 to 7: 00 in the afternoon, covering the period of the public talk, he said he would have 80 men, 10 of whom would be mounted.

When asked if he would like the witnesses to return sometime, he said, "As far as I am concerned, you can be here every day of the week."

THOSE AMAZING FIGURES!

Each of the final seven days of the assembly was devoted to a different part of the world. The number of lands and publishers reporting from that part of the world was given at the top of that day's printed program. Then the new peak was spelled out in two-foot-high brilliant white letters on the beautiful green turf in front of the speaker's platform. Here is the increase that was shown:

	1952		Now	
	Countries	Publishers	Countries	Publishers
North America	12	168,749	12	193,568
Atlantic Islands	15	15,659	29	17,346
South America	13	11,796	12	12,828
Asia	19	2,259	20	2,620
Africa	32	72,195	34	78,305
Europe	24	158,867	23	174,257
Pacific Islands	12	26,690	13	31,304
World-wide	127	456,215	143	510,228

Delegates from Guatemala, Japan and Korea

READ GOD'S WORD THE HOLY BIBLE DAILY

Bethel and the Factory. Just across the river into Brooklyn from the towering skyscrapers of Lower Manhattan is Brooklyn Bethel, the Watch Tower's world headquarters, at 124 Columbia Heights (above). Nearby, at 117 Adams Street, is the 9-story factory (left) where tremendous quantities of *The Watchtower, Awake!* Bibles, books, etc., are produced for world distribution. Both buildings are dedicated to the expansion of service to Jehovah, and are alive with activity that is necessary in the Kingdom work.

The home is in a quiet neighborhood, almost surrounded by parts of a nicely landscaped esplanade. The factory location is equally ideal. It is within sight of the world's busiest port, and therefore only a short distance from the ships that directly connect it with the world's four corners. The three following pages give additional details.

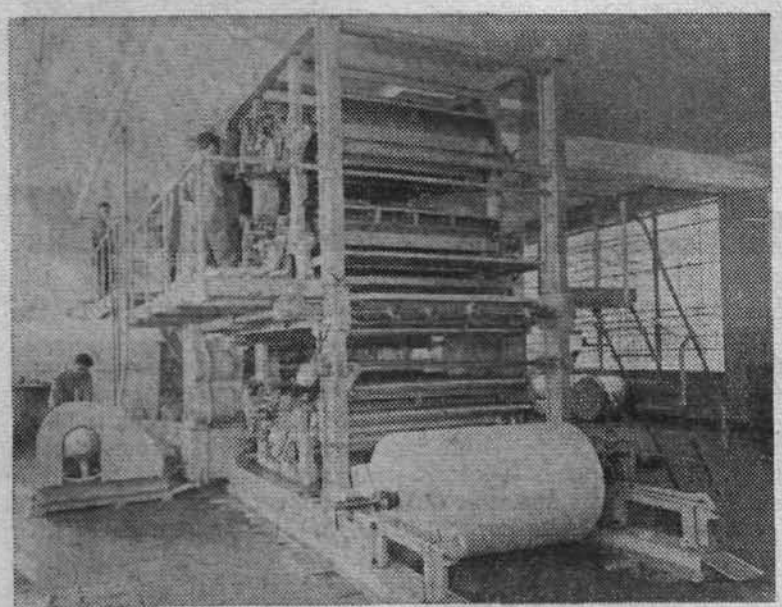
How the Printing Is Done. When the manuscript of a book or magazine has been prepared, carefully proofread and marked for composition, it goes to the typesetting machines, shown above, that are located on the seventh floor of the Watch Tower factory. Here an operator can produce a complete 32-page magazine in three days, and enough Bible literature passes through this department to keep 13 such machines busy!

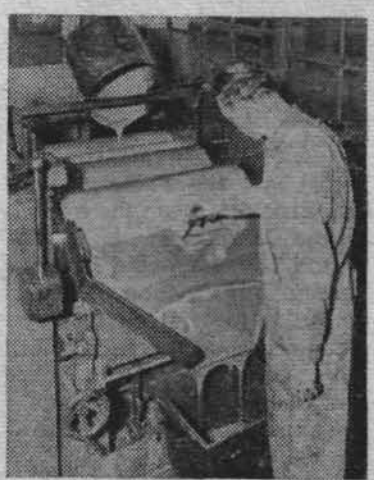
Once the material is set in type, it is proofread with extreme care, arranged into pages, proofread again and then molded into a curved metal plate, as shown at right, above. One such stereotype plate of four pages weighs 12 pounds; 96 such plates are needed for a 384-page book.

The plates are put on one of the Society's seven large rotary presses, the newest of which is shown below. This and its sister press can each produce nearly 500 magazines in 60 seconds! Two entire 32-page magazines are produced at a time. When they come off the press they are complete, are folded and even have the wire stitches in them that hold the pages together. The rough edges are then trimmed off and the magazines are ready for mailing.

Though equipment to put out such large productions is extremely expensive, everything possible is done to reduce costs. This is especially true since each volunteer worker recognizes that the supplies he is using are paid for out of voluntary contributions. One example of this saving on cost is evident in the inkroom (below), where all the inks used in the factory are made, thus realizing a tremendous saving over their cost on the commercial market. Over 50 tons of ink, 57 tons of paste and 19 tons of glue were produced here in 1952.

This unusual plant, dedicated to the service of Jehovah God, staffed by Christian ministers, truly manifests the wholesome spirit of the new world!





New World Society's Printing Plant

The Watch Tower Society was organized in 1884 at Allegheny, Pennsylvania. The headquarters organization moved to Brooklyn in 1909. In Brooklyn some early printing was done in the basement of the Bethel home at 124 Columbia Heights. Later a small factory was leased on Myrtle Avenue. In 1922 a larger one was obtained at 18 Concord Street. This was soon outgrown and in 1926 property was purchased at 117 Adams Street, where an eight-story building was constructed the following year.

Continued growth made a four-story addition necessary in 1937, and made a nine-story annex necessary in 1949. These three buildings, which are all joined as though they were one, were visited by the conventioners in 1950. Even with the 1949 addition the plant is already strained to capacity.

A staff of 316 operate the factory, all dedicated servants of Jehovah God, and all contributing their skills to the preaching of the gospel world-wide. The methods used are very efficient, and these workers energetically produce far more than do the same number of persons in other publishing plants, for they realize their service is of equal importance with that of missionaries in the field.

The quantity of literature produced is astounding. For example, if all the books produced in this plant in 8½ hours were laid one atop the other, the stack would far exceed the height of the Empire State Building.

The plant is clean and neat, well painted, a good representation for the Christian organization, and the equipment is kept in good repair by those who recognize their trust.

All are welcome to join the tens of thousands of conventioners who will visit the Watch Tower's plant at 117 Adams Street in Brooklyn from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 27-29, 1953.

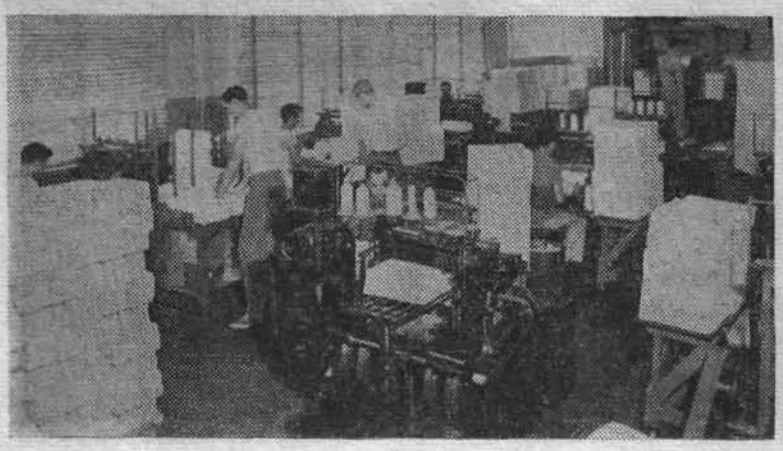
Producing a Book. Books are printed in the same way as magazines (previous page), but, unlike a magazine, not all the pages of the book can be printed at once. Rather, it is produced in 32-page sections, called "signatures," twelve of which make up a 384-page book.

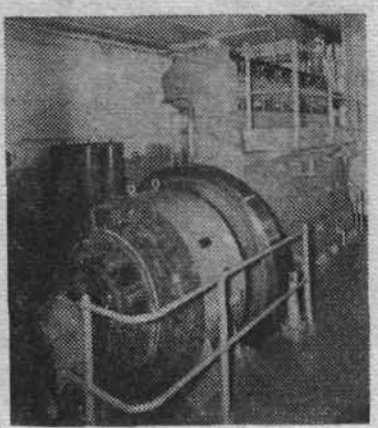
When all the signatures are printed, they are assembled in order and sewed together. In the sewing department (below) nine modern machines are used to do this work. One operator can sew up to 4,000 books in a regular 8½-hour working day.

After the sewing is done, the backs must be glued, and the backbone of the book (the part that faces you when it is sitting on a shelf) rounded. The backbone is then reinforced, and the cover, which was produced on a separate machine, is pasted on the book by another machine.

The books are next stacked between boards (right) that are fastened down so the paste will dry under pressure and the cover not warp. They stand this way for six hours, after which they are taken out, inspected and packed into cartons, ready for shipping.

All these machines are operated by electricity produced by the 44-ton, 525-horsepower diesel engine and generator (lower right), which visitors to the factory may see through a glass window in a wall of the factory's modern first-floor lobby.





The Brooklyn Bethel Home. In many lands Bethel homes house the staffs of Watch Tower offices and printing plants. The Bethel at 124 Columbia Heights in Brooklyn houses the Watch Tower's headquarters staff. Like the Watch Tower factory nine blocks away, it will be visited by thousands of conventioners Monday through Wednesday, July 27-29.

The library (above) on the eighth floor houses 3,250 volumes and is connected with the editorial offices. On the ninth floor are the legal offices and the offices of the secretary and treasurer. On the tenth floor, the offices of the Society's president.

In the spacious dining room (below) more than 400 members of the Watch Tower's headquarters staff eat wholesome food raised on the Society's farms. The spotless kitchen prepares 1,200 meals daily. Other services that are provided are laundry, sewing, pressing, shoe-repairing and maintenance; all to keep the home operating at peak efficiency and to provide for the needs of the permanent volunteer staff who serve Jehovah's witnesses world-wide with Bibles and Bible literature for their world-girdling Christian activity.

The Modern Christian Organization

It was Jehovah who said, "Ye are my witnesses, . . . and I am God." (Isaiah 43:12, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) It was Jehovah's Son, Christ Jesus, who said, "You will be witnesses of me . . . to the most distant part of the earth." It was Paul who wrote under divine inspiration that Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Samuel and the other prophets were "so great a cloud of witnesses."—Acts 1:8; Hebrews 11; 12:1, *New World Trans.*

Thus, those who serve Jehovah God must bear testimony to his name, must acknowledge and witness to the power of his Son, Christ Jesus, and must follow the example of the faithful men of old who firmly maintained their integrity to Jehovah and to his righteous principles.

If Jehovah's witnesses looked to some man as leader, then it could not be said that they began with Abel and progressed down through the faithful men of old. They would instead have begun with the man they followed. But since they are not a denomination but are merely an association of men and women who put God's service first and line up with Bible principles, they are a part of the group that began with the first true witness of God, Adam's son Abel, all of whom have looked to the righteous conditions of God's new world to come.

The Watch Tower Society

The Watch Tower Society was organized in 1884 to aid such men in their service to God. Its first president was Charles Taze Russell. Brought up by God-fearing Presbyterian parents, he was not satisfied with the sectarian explanations of Scripture given him, and back in 1872 he started a Bible-study class with several of his friends.

They discovered many of the Biblical truths that had been hidden by Christendom's traditions. In 1874 they published *The Object and Manner of the Lord's Return*, to debunk the religious theory of the earth's being destroyed by fire at Christ's second coming, and to point out that the second coming would be invisible, as the apostles had long before known. As they continued to point to firm Scriptural truth, others who wanted to be true witnesses for God joined with them.

In July, 1879, to help in this work, the first issue of *The Watchtower* was published. In that year chronological proof was published that the end of the Gentile times would come 35 years later, A.D. 1914. This warning increased in tempo throughout the intervening 35 years, and when World War I actually marked the fulfillment of that amazing prediction it proved that we *were* at the end of this old world and that the new, so long looked for, was now at hand!

Circulation of *The Watchtower* among those who really want to properly serve God has grown from a first issue of 6,000 to an amazing 1,650,000 copies of each issue today, in 38 languages!

Other Early Work

In 1881 the 161-page *Food for Thinking Christians* was published to awaken many more. In 1886 the 350-page *Divine Plan of the Ages* was published, to enjoy a phenomenal distribution of 6 million copies during a period of 40 years.

The work in foreign fields was given impetus in 1891 when the Society's president made his first trip to Europe and men of faith in God associated in congregations in Britain, and again in 1912 with a round-the-world tour and lectures in many countries.

In 1909 the Society's headquarters moved from Pittsburgh to Brooklyn, and in 1910 further great strides in Kingdom publicity were made when more than a thousand newspapers in the United States and Canada regularly carried sermons written by the Society's president. By 1913 there were 1,500 newspapers regularly carrying these in four different languages.

As the army of Christian witnesses expanded, many names were attached to them (such as "Russellites," etc.), most of which were intended to misrepresent and discredit. But they rejected such names and merely answered that they were Christians, until in 1931 they received the new and Scriptural name, Jehovah's witnesses, by which they are now known throughout the earth.

The Society's first president, who spent his strength in Jehovah's service for more than 40 years, died October 31, 1916, a faithful witness of Jehovah God, and J. F. Rutherford was unanimously appointed as the new president. He served faithfully for 25 years until his death in 1942, at which time the Society's present president, N. H. Knorr, replaced him. Through all of this time the principle of the organization has remained; not a denomination, but an organization to serve all men who truly wish to be proper witnesses to God.

Preaching Methods

Early in the Watchtower Society's history pilgrims, traveling evangelists, visited private homes and held "cottage meetings," much as did the early apostles and disciples of Jesus. In 1888 fifty persons undertook full-time house-to-house preaching, volunteering their entire efforts to gospel-preaching. That group of volunteers, now called "pioneers," has grown to 18,000!

All available methods to present Christian education have been used. In 1914 the "Photo-Drama of Creation," a combination of motion pictures and stills, accompanied by recorded lectures (at a time when sound recording was in its infancy) was shown in major theaters throughout the United States, Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Australia and New Zealand, and for five years brought Scriptural comfort and hope to many millions.

In 1919 *The Golden Age* began to be published. In 1937 it be-

came *Consolation*, in 1946 *Awake!* It has remained an excellent companion to *The Watchtower*, pointing to the conditions of our day in fulfillment of the prophecies *The Watchtower* discusses. *Awake!* now has a circulation of 1,150,000, in 13 languages.

The radio has been used extensively in this work. February 24, 1924, WBBR began operation in New York. Other stations were built by the Society, but later sold. In the summer of 1927 the Society used its first radio chain, even in that early day hooking together 53 stations world-wide. In 1928 the largest radio chain for a single broadcast to that time was used for a Bible lecture from the convention in Detroit, tying together 100 stations. In 1933 a total of 23,783 radio lectures were transmitted by the Society over 403 stations.

In 1937 a new method, the use of phonograph recordings taken right to the people, replaced the general use of broadcasting. In 1943 the course in theocratic ministry was instituted in each congregation and the use of recordings was replaced by individual discussions with each person in his home.

One of the chief methods of this preaching has been through the printed page, and between 1920 and 1952 a total of 594,276,376 Bibles, books and booklets were distributed by Jehovah's witnesses, in 101 languages and dialects!

Scope of Present Work

The ranks of active ministers (all volunteers, none salaried) have grown from 3,868 in 1918 to 456,265 in 1952. Hence, for every missionary minister in 1918 there are more than 117 of them today! The extent of this growth can be fully comprehended when one recognizes that the number of active ministers among Jehovah's witnesses in the United States grew from 131,495 at the beginning of this year to 153,624 in April—an increase of more than 1,300 a week in the United States alone!

The Watch Tower Society now has branch offices in 66 lands. Work is being reported from 127 lands. It has 249 established missions (including boats) and 1,197 specially trained foreign missionaries. The Bible School of Gilead at South Lansing, New York, was established in 1943 to train ministers for this work and 2,065 (plus Sunday's group) have graduated.

Persecution

This work has not been without opposition, however. Matthew 24:9 has certainly been proved true regarding our day: "Then people will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations on account of my name." (*New World Trans.*) The monstrous, globe-girdling proportions of the actual fulfillment of this text are almost unbelievable.

As the Kingdom proclamation increased, exposing false doctrines through hard-hitting Bible truths, the clergy were angered. They vigorously opposed the teaching of Bible facts that contradicted their theories, and this religious opposition kept pace with the work's increase. The continued opposition on the part of clergymen to this Bible preaching culminated in an unjust sentencing of the Society's officers to 80 years' imprisonment at Atlanta penitentiary in 1918, but this was found to be in error. They were dismissed, restored to citizenship, and thus were never at any time convicts within the meaning of the law.

A vicious wave of persecution spread through the country at the same time, but the work was restored, with the slogan "Advertise, advertise, advertise the King and the Kingdom," and, like the "dry bones" in Ezekiel's vision (chapter 37), came to vigorous life, surging forward many times greater than ever before.

Another notorious example of this persecution was under Hitler in Germany, where ten thousand Christian ministers spent many years in Nazi torture camps. Canada, England and other parts of the British empire followed the Nazi dictator's lead in oppressing these Christians, as some wished to do even in the United States.

From 1940 to 1944 more than 2,500 violent mobs assaulted Christian people, and, shamefully enough, some of these were actually led by clergymen, who are supposed to serve the very God of those they were attacking!

In Catholic and Communist Lands

Bans and severe persecution have been brought upon Jehovah's witnesses in Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Yugoslavia, and in the noncommunist countries of the Belgian Congo, Dominican Republic and Portuguese East Africa. The last news from Russia showed that there were at least 10,000 of Jehovah's witnesses there, many of whom are at the present time languishing in the Siberian camps because of their Christian beliefs.

A bitter battle is under way in Quebec today to establish freedom of religion. In 1946 arrests of Christian ministers for gospel-preaching in that Canadian province were running as high as 30 a day. That Dark-Age viewpoint existed less than 400 miles from New York city!

All too frequently it is the clergy who prompt such opposition. They do not fight with equal vigor against modernism and evolution, which attempt to contradict God's true Word, but instead they have fought against the very ones who are preaching that Word and firmly upholding it. This is nothing new, however, for it was the religious leaders in Jesus' day who opposed the first foundations of Christianity, and it is their modern parallel in Christendom today who still do the same.

Opposition Fails

Yet the work grows and expands. The persecutions cannot succeed, for the fight is not against man, but against God. Legal victories have many times shown the rights of these Christian ministers. The Supreme Court of the United States has considered 46 cases involving Jehovah's witnesses and decided 34 of them in their favor. High courts in other lands have done the same. But when the authorities do not come to their protection, this gospel-preaching continues just the same.

An example of the growth of this group that puts God's service ahead of all else is evident in assemblies such as this one. The Watchtower's first convention was in 1893 when, August 4-20, a total of 360 as-

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How the Good News Reaches Thousands

The House-to-House Missionary

When the knock came on Tott Wilson's front door that afternoon, the last thing the young chemical worker was dreaming of was to become a minister. Oh, a church member sometime, maybe; but *he*, actually a preacher and a teacher of what he was going to learn about the Bible?

"My name is Martin," said Tott's caller. "And this is my son, Teddy. Teddy wants to give you an invitation to a free Bible talk Sunday."

"Conquering Fear in a Perplexed World," said Teddy's invitation.

"This lecture is sponsored by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society," Mr. Martin was saying. "Have you ever read the *Watchtower* magazine?"

It all started as simply as that, one casual afternoon a year ago. The call took only about five minutes out of the 68 million hours spent by Jehovah's witnesses in the public ministry in 1952.

Does such a method of preaching sound unorthodox to you? Well, if it does, just remember that one does not need a special building in which to worship God, for he "does not dwell in houses made with hands." This method follows the Bible example, since it goes right to the people just as did the apostles and disciples of Jesus, who preached "every day in the temple and *from house to house*," and taught "publicly and from house to house."—Acts 5: 42; 7: 48; 20: 20, *New World Trans.*

Home Bible Studies

Cliff Martin and his eight-year-old son Teddy called back on Tott Wilson every week or so for a couple of months, bringing him new invitations to Bible talks, new magazines and other literature, discussing Bible points, and so forth.

"What is this about the new earth?" Tott asked one day.

"Suppose we come over next week, about this same time, and really sit down and go into that subject from the Bible?" Cliff suggested.

That was how the two families—Cliff and his wife Doris, and Tott and his wife Sue—got acquainted, in a home Bible study in the Wilson home, conducted free of charge each week for the next six months. . . .

Sue and Tott liked what they learned more and more. One night their attention was alerted by the point that home Bible studies like these lay the groundwork for a thousand new ministers to enter the field every week. . . .

They saw that this method of home study was not only practical but Scriptural, and that it is true that "where there are two or three met together in my name, there I am in their midst." —Matthew 18: 20, *New World Trans.*

The Kingdom Hall

But not all Christian instruction is in the home, and one Sunday the Wilsons did go with the Martins to the Kingdom Hall, not far from their home. There they met "all the friends," including the theocratic ministry school instructor, Brother Humphries.

The Wilsons' little girl, Jan, was just as curious as Tott and Sue.

For one thing they learned that Jehovah's witnesses maintain more than 14,000 of these educational centers throughout the world, for free Bible instruction and public worship.

Here, a course of study that never ends, and from which nobody ever graduates, provides a minimum of four one-hour classes every week —two topical Bible studies, a public speaking course, a service meeting in which everyone trains in all features of the ministry. One of the Bible studies is the weekly *Watchtower* lesson. *The Watchtower* is used as the textbook presenting vital Biblical facts and practical information for daily living.

Benefiting greatly from these meetings, the Wilsons commenced to attend the Kingdom Hall more and more regularly, and soon were not just

sitting and listening, but actually participating in the studies.

They learned that it is the Bible that instructs Christians to meet congregationally, "not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together." (Hebrews 10: 25, *New World Trans.*) They also learned the joy of Christian fellowship, and that such meetings are interesting, informative and most worth while.

Street Witnessing

"Jehovah's witnesses are dedicated to reaching every living soul with the good news of the Kingdom," Doris remarked to Sue one day, "even if it takes standing on the streets to catch people we don't find at home."

It was a simple, if courageous, way to start becoming a publisher, Sue observed. She went along with Doris for an hour one evening. Doris (left) explained that Saturday is the regular Magazine Day. But as both families had small children and the men wanted to go Saturdays, the two wives could get in their street witnessing in the evening and leave their husbands to babysit.

Sue was astonished to discover that the *Awake!* published at more than a million copies every two weeks in 1953, enjoyed a bigger circulation than any other religious journal except *The Watchtower*, which tops *Awake!* by half a million copies.

Sue also learned the role of women Witnesses. They do not dictate organizational policy, preside over men or deliver public addresses. But they do share in the public ministry.

Such street witnessing as she was here engaged in is also in harmony with Bible principles. Note: "Wisdom cries aloud in the streets, she lifts up her voice in the squares; at the head of noisy thoroughfares she calls, at the openings of the city gates she utters her words." (Proverbs 1: 20, 21, *An Amer. Trans.*) The public streets from time immemorial have been a vital spot for the dissemination of information. Christ and the apostles made use of them, and so do Jehovah's witnesses today.

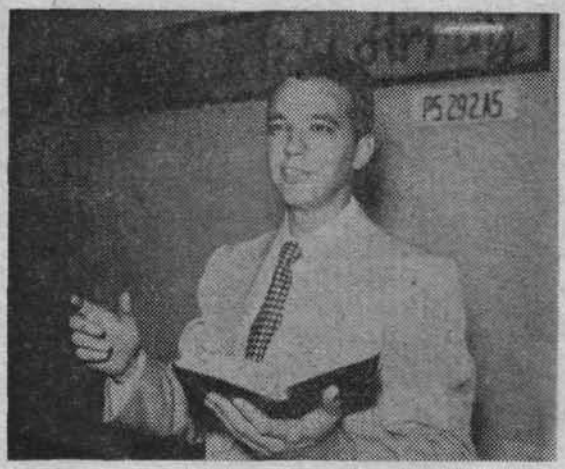
Theocratic Training in the Public Ministry

The theocratic ministry school trains males of all ages in public speaking, while the entire congregation participates in class coverage of grammar, diction, composition, as well as doctrines, history, geography, Bible characters and chapter-by-chapter study of the Bible.

Tott and Sue Wilson, having studied for a year with Jehovah's witnesses, have symbolized their life-dedication to the public ministry by water immersion.

Tott is also eligible for enrollment in the weekly theocratic ministry school. A year from the date of his immersion Tott will qualify to give public discourses like the one little Teddy Martin invited him to attend that momentous afternoon just a year ago.

Came the night for Tott to give his first ministry talk at the Kingdom Hall. The counselor followed his student presentation with three minutes of counsel on his delivery, articulation, facial and body expressions, poise, modulation and other points involved in making a mature and polished speaker. The entire congregation benefited not only from Tott's seven-minute discourse, but also from the counsel he received.



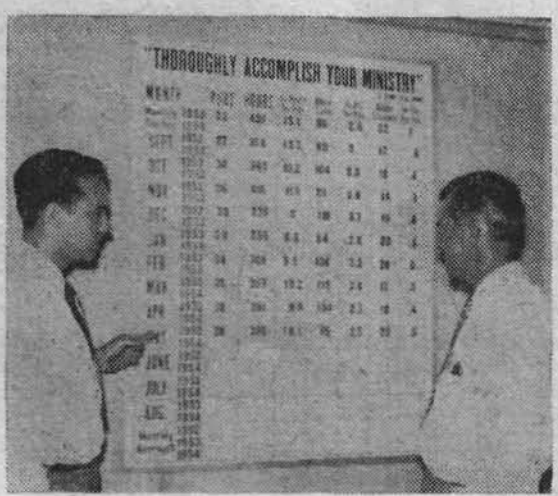
Again it is the Scriptural example that is being followed. Christ's early followers themselves learned to be teachers, to teach wherever they had the opportunity, whether to a small group in a private home or to a large throng. Tott Wilson and the others enrolled in the ministry school are likewise training to be efficient ministers.

Ministry Chart Explains Dynamism of Witnesses

Soon after his dedication Tott locates a "good will" person in his own house-to-house territory. The day arrives when he brings this interested person, Mr. H. A. Lowery, to the Kingdom Hall.

"You notice here at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's witnesses," Tott tells Lowery, "you see no donations' charts, no membership drive charts. All you see is this public ministry chart."

This chart tells the story, Tott explains. "It shows you why there are no clergy and laity distinctions among Jehovah's witnesses. Because each Witness is a minister."



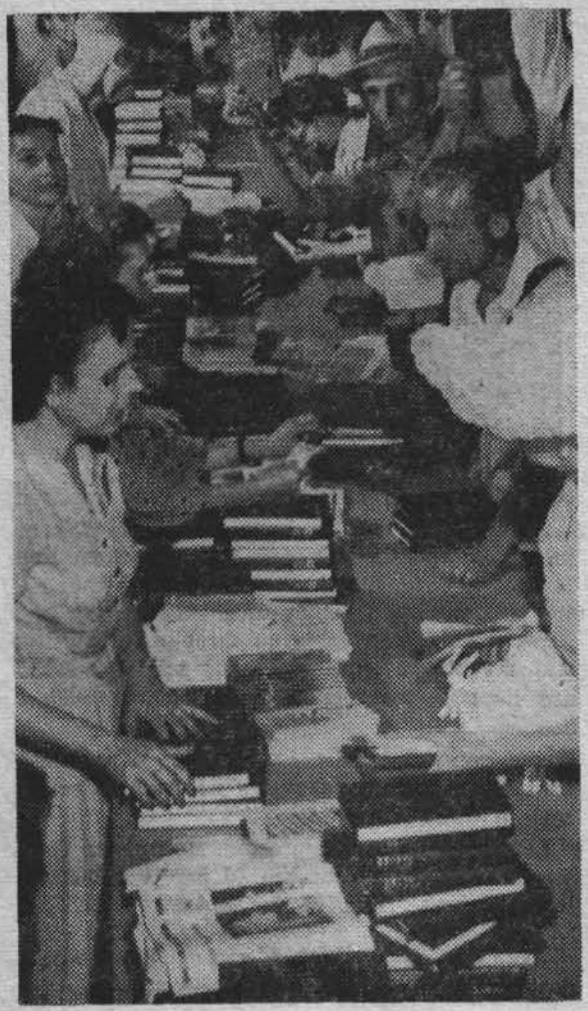
Lowery is frankly impressed. He follows Tott's finger as it points out the 40 per cent increase in publishers, from 27 in September, 1952, to 38 in 1953.

"And you notice in May," Tott continues, "there were 38 publishers who put in 385 hours of field service, an average of 10.1 hours.

"We made 95 back-calls on interested persons like yourself. And we conducted 20 different home Bible studies like the one I started in your home a few weeks ago."

And so the cycle that commenced with the first home call on Tott Wilson now moves on to H. A. Lowery, who, in turn, will soon be bringing his own "good will" persons to show them the public ministry chart, and will be filled with enthusiasm as they too enjoy the good things he is now enjoying.

Multiply more than a thousand times a week what happened to Tott Wilson and his wife Sue and you have a small picture of the activity of Jehovah's witnesses! The value of their work is proved when those they help are sufficiently appreciative to want to go out and help others.



Bookroom

3,073,675 Pieces of Literature Distributed

The incredible sum of 3,073,675 pieces of literature was whisked off convention book counters and from the hands of ground distributors during the glorious New World Society Assembly.

Ninety-three volunteer workers served the main bookroom at the stadium, but there was a total of 757 occupied at all the 16 distribution centers and the grounds, passing out the new releases as fast as it was humanly possible to do so.

The main bookroom displayed Bible literature in 65 languages. Among its staff were workers capable of serving requests in 11 languages, such as German, French, Spanish, Italian and the like. But when strange faces and stranger voices requested material in Bengali, Efik, Gujarati, Papiamento, Twi, Xosa and Zulu, there was some consternation on both sides of the counter.

At the Field Service department Jehovah's witnesses cleaned out all the 30,000 sets of placards to wear in street advertising of Sunday's main event, the lecture "After Armageddon—God's New World." Most of the 5,100,000 handbills went along with the placards. How much field service was accomplished it was not possible to estimate, as all the workers from all over the world were to turn in their service reports back home to their local congregations.

Undoubtedly, though, no event was ever so keenly advertised as President Knorr's key talk. Besides the vast newspaper, radio and television publicity, the witnesses themselves utilized 218 outdoor advertising signs, strung on all major highways as far away as Trenton, New Jersey. Subways and city buses displayed 17,185 signs. There were 30,000 window signs on display. And probably most effective of all were the 38,000 car bumper signs and the 205,000 lapel pins, more than half of which were worn for a week by living advertisers who went everywhere.

How far surpassing any system of advertising in the old world is the new-world system of education!

Modern Organization *(Cont'd)*

sembled in Chicago, Illinois, and 20 were baptized. In 1904 two thousand were in attendance in St. Louis. Eight thousand assembled in 1919 at Cedar Point, Ohio. Twenty thousand gathered at the same place in 1922. Another twenty thousand assembled in Washington in 1935. But in 1950 more than 123,000 assembled in New York! Thus in 57 years the increase in attendance has been over 34,000 per cent! The attendance at this assembly sets a new record. Truly the expansion of the New World society, the modern Christian organization, is great!

LOST, FOUND, DELIVERED

Fifty youngsters a day, and a turnover of more of every imaginable item, from pocket combs to cameras, luggage and clothing, than some department stores sell, just about sums up the activities of the Lost and Found department.

Honesty proved the best policy for Janet Kuchinka, Lonsdale, Minnesota. She lost her purse at a turnpike filling station. An unknown theocratic brother found it and identified it as belonging to a theocratic sister. He brought it to the convention's Lost and Found. There Janet claimed it. The $50 she had in it was still there.

Out at Trailer City a stray parakeet came winging into the reach of someone. It was turned over to Lost and Found. Some Witness noticed an ad in the paper, from a Plainfield woman a few miles away, for a lost parakeet. A telephone call brought her to Trailer City. She took her parakeet back home.

In an adjoining section of Yankee Stadium Lost and Found also operated a Checking Room that proved a boon to hundreds of luggage-laden delegates.

Program of New World Society Assembly, July 19-26

Sunday, July 19

EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS DAY

MORNING

9:30 Daily Text F. S. Hoffmann
9:40 Delegates from the Earth's Extremities
10:15 Discourse: Missionary Service as a Life's Work G. Fredianelli
10:30 Address of Welcome by the Convention Chairman P. Chapman

AFTERNOON

1:30 Twenty-first Class of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead Graduates N. H. Knorr
Entering New Fields for Expansion U. V. Glass
A New Language for the People D. H. Burt
Show Your Love by Works E. A. Dunlap
Hold Fast to the Faith M. G. Friend
Registrar Bids Farewell A. D. Schroeder
Remarks by Gilead Home Servant J. F. Markus
2:30 Counsel by Vice-President of School F. W. Franz
2:45 Discourse: Gathering Men of All Nations into One Flock N. H. Knorr
Diploma Presentation to Students by School President

EVENING

7:00 Songs K. M. Jensen
7:10 Students of Gilead's Twenty-first Class from Twenty-eight Lands Express Themselves
9:30 Closing Song and Prayer

Monday, July 20

NORTH AMERICA DAY

MORNING

9:30 Field Service
9:30-11:30 Various-Language Meetings

AFTERNOON

1:30 Songs, and Reports on the Fruitfulness of the North American Missionary Field C. J. Fekel
2:00 Reasons for North American Progress. Presented by Branch Servants and Representatives.
British Honduras, E. C. Ihrig; El Salvador, C. J. Beedle; Newfoundland, M. F. Latyn; Panama, G. D. *Papadem*; Nicaragua, D. R. Munsterman; Guatemala, W. R. Kennedy; Costa Rica, W. E. Call; Canada, P. Chapman
3:15 Discourse: Living Now as a New World Society N. H. Knorr

EVENING

6:45 Songs, and Accounts of Spreading Hope in North America G. E. Hannan
7:00 In the Ministry Make Sure of All Things E. A. Dunlap
8:00 "Exert Yourselves Vigorously," Says North America
Presented by Branch Servants: M. H. Larson, United States; W. W. Blackburn, Honduras; R. Lozano, Mexico
8:30 Discourse: Getting Full Value out of Your Ministry School R. E. Morgan

Tuesday, July 21

ISLANDS OF THE ATLANTIC DAY

MORNING

9:30 Field Service
9:30-11:30 Various-Language Meetings
10:00-11:30 Meeting of Circuit Servants, Branch Servants, Public Relations Servants M. G. Henschel

AFTERNOON

1:30 Songs of Praise from the Islands C. Ulrich
2:00 Island-hopping in the Atlantic for Reports of Increase. Presented by Branch Servants.
2:55 Branch Servants Have a Responsibility
3:00 Counsel to Branch Servants N. H. Knorr
3:45 Gilead Graduates in Branch Territory M. G. Henschel
3:55 Keeping Up with the Truth A. D. Schroeder
4:05 Know Your Rights as a Citizen H. C. Covington
4:15 Recognize the Theocratic Organization F. W. Franz
4:30 Song

EVENING

6:45 Songs, and Kingdom Happenings from the Islands of the Western Hemisphere I. W. Truman
Virgin Islands, T. E. Klein; Dominican Republic, M. Aniol; Cuba, R. Gonzalez; Barbados, J. R. Doering; Dominica, W. L. Evans; St. Lucia, W. E. Cammers; St. Kitts, W. F. Krueger
7:00 Heaping Up the Praise. Presented by Branch Servants and *Representatives* R. D. Newton, British West Indies; E. Van Daalen, Cuba; J. Adams, Dominican Republic
7:30 Discourse: "The Fruitage of the Spirit" E. C. Chitty
8:00 Your Service Questions Answered T. J. Sullivan
8:30 Your Bible Questions Answered H. H. Riemer
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

Wednesday, July 22

SOUTH AMERICA DAY

MORNING

8:55 Songs V. R. Duncombe
9:00 *Discourse on Baptism* C. A. Steele
9:30 Songs and to the Immersion Pool
9:35 Discourse: Will You Be an Irregular Praiser in the New World? L. E. Reusch
9:55 District and Circuit Organization
10:00 Principal Work of All Servants N. H. Knorr
10:45 How to Help the Congregation Servants T. J. Sullivan
11:00 Why the Branch Office Needs a Report on the Congregations R. E. Morgan
11:10 The Society's Interest in the Congregation *After the* Servant's Visit H. E. Miller
11:20 Your Isolated Territory P. Chapman

AFTERNOON

1:30 Songs, and Tidings from the Andes Countries W. E. Woodworth
2:00 *South America Comforted by* the Kingdom Message
Presented by Branch Servants and Representatives.
3:30 Discourse: "Walk in the Name of Jehovah Our God for Ever" N. H. Knorr

EVENING

6:45 Songs, and South American Countries Reach New Peaks in Praise W. K. Jackson
7:00 The Truth Sets More South Americans Free
Presented by Branch Servants and Representatives.
7:30 Discourse: "Now Is the Day for Salvation" M. G. Henschel
8:00 Discourse: They Oppose Freedom of Worship H. C. Covington
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

Thursday, July 23

ASIA DAY

MORNING

9:30 Field Service
9:30-11:30 Various-Language Meetings
Circuit Questions R. Morgan

AFTERNOON

1:30 Songs, and Experiences from Asiatic Lands
2:00 W. L. Thornton Asks: "How Do You Witness to Oriental People and Cultivate Interest in the Bible—
—in Hong Kong?" W. Carnie
—in Burma?" R. W. Kirk
—in India?" F. E. Skinner
—in Pakistan?" H. Forrest
—in Korea?" D. L. Steele
—in Thailand?" J. E. Babinski
—in Singapore?" W. Yaremshuk
—in Japan?" L. Barry
4:30 Song

EVENING

6:45 Songs, and Sharing in the Joys of Asia's Expansion R. W. Kurzen
7:00 Sowing and Reaping Continues in Asia
Presented by Branch Servants and Representatives.
7:30 Discourse: What Did You Learn from *The Watchtower* Last Year? A. D. Schroeder
8:00 Discourse: New World Society Attacked from the Far North F. W. Franz
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

Friday, July 24

AFRICA DAY

MORNING

9:30 Field Service
9:30-11:30 Various-Language Meetings
9:30-11:30 Circuit Servants' Questions T. J. Sullivan

AFTERNOON

1:30 Africa Speaks, and Songs J. Panting
2:00 Discourse: Requirements Necessary for Ministry A. H. Macmillan
2:30 What Is Happening in Africa? Answered by Branch Servants and Representatives.
3:30 Approaching People at the Door—How to Do It J. A. Thompson, Jr.
P. D. M. Rees
D. A. Adams
4:00 Discourse: The Purpose of Our Witnessing L. A. Swingle

EVENING

6:45 A Strange Work in an Interesting Land, and Songs C. Johnson

Program (*Cont'd*)

7:00 Discourse: The Living Word
G. Suiter
7:30 Africa's Harvest Is Great. Presented by Branch Servants.
8:15 Discourse: Rearing Children in the New World Society
C. Quackenbush
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

Saturday, July 25

EUROPE DAY

MORNING
9:00 The Daily Text . C. Goings
9:15 Europe's Problems Not Retarding Preaching Work. Shown by Branch Servants.
10:15 Advancing the Interests of the New World Society by Being a Pioneer
Is Pioneering Practical for Families? W. A. Elrod
Meeting Your Financial Problems
R. E. Abrahamson
Pioneering Is a Serious Business
C. W. Rieger
Covering Your Assignment in City and Rural D. G. Steele
Young and Old Enjoy Pioneer Service D. E. Stull

AFTERNOON
1:30 Swelling the Ranks of Kingdom Proclaimers in Europe, and Songs F. Zuercher
2:00 No Time for Idleness in These European Countries As Revealed by Branch Servants and Representatives.
2:45 Value of the Congregation Book Study
The Importance of Strategic Locations H. G. Judson
What the Study Conductor Should Do R. A. Holmes
Your Benefits by Attending
D. E. Ward
Its Value During Oppressive Days
J. Nathan
Service Center for Gathering "Other Sheep"
R. L. Anderson
3:30 Discourse: Flight to Safety with the New World Society
N. H. Knorr

EVENING
6:45 High Lights from Europe, and Songs E. Schwafert
7:00 European Progress Not Without Opposition
Presented by Branch Servants.
8:00 Your Ministerial Manners Discussed by: J. A. Stuefloten; O. L. Pillars; U. V. Glass; C. W. Barber, N. Kovalak
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

Sunday, July 26

ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC DAY

MORNING
9:00 The Daily Text J. B. Robb
9:15 The Pacific Islands Express Their Gladness
Presented by Branch Servants and Representatives.
10:15 Discourse: Filling the House with Glory F. W. Franz
11:15 Some High Lights on the Assembly J. O. Groh
11:30 Joys of the Past, Present and Future H. Dwenger
E. Clay
A. H. Macmillan

AFTERNOON
1:00 Spanish-Language Public Address:
It Is Time to Consider God's Way
R. M. Gonzalez
3:15 MUSICAL PROGRAM BY CONVENTION ORCHESTRA
4:00 PUBLIC ADDRESS:
AFTER ARMAGEDDON—GOD'S NEW WORLD
N. H. Knorr
5:00 Intermission
6:00 Closing Remarks by the President N. H. Knorr

Cleanliness
—A New World Trade-Mark

"Come over and help us in Cleaning" was the last call heard for volunteer workers as the biggest of all assemblies closed Sunday. A convention that took weeks to poise for action and days to move in, will have to move out in a matter of hours, comparatively.

To the hardy Cleaning department is due a lot of credit for the reputation Jehovah's witnesses have won of "leaving the place as clean or cleaner than they found it," to use the words of Yankee Stadium officials. Just how much the officials think of Jehovah's witnesses as trustworthy patrons of their great amphitheater may be gathered from the fact that Cleaning manager John Sepos was handed a set of master keys to every nook and cranny of Yankee Stadium where the department would have any business to go.

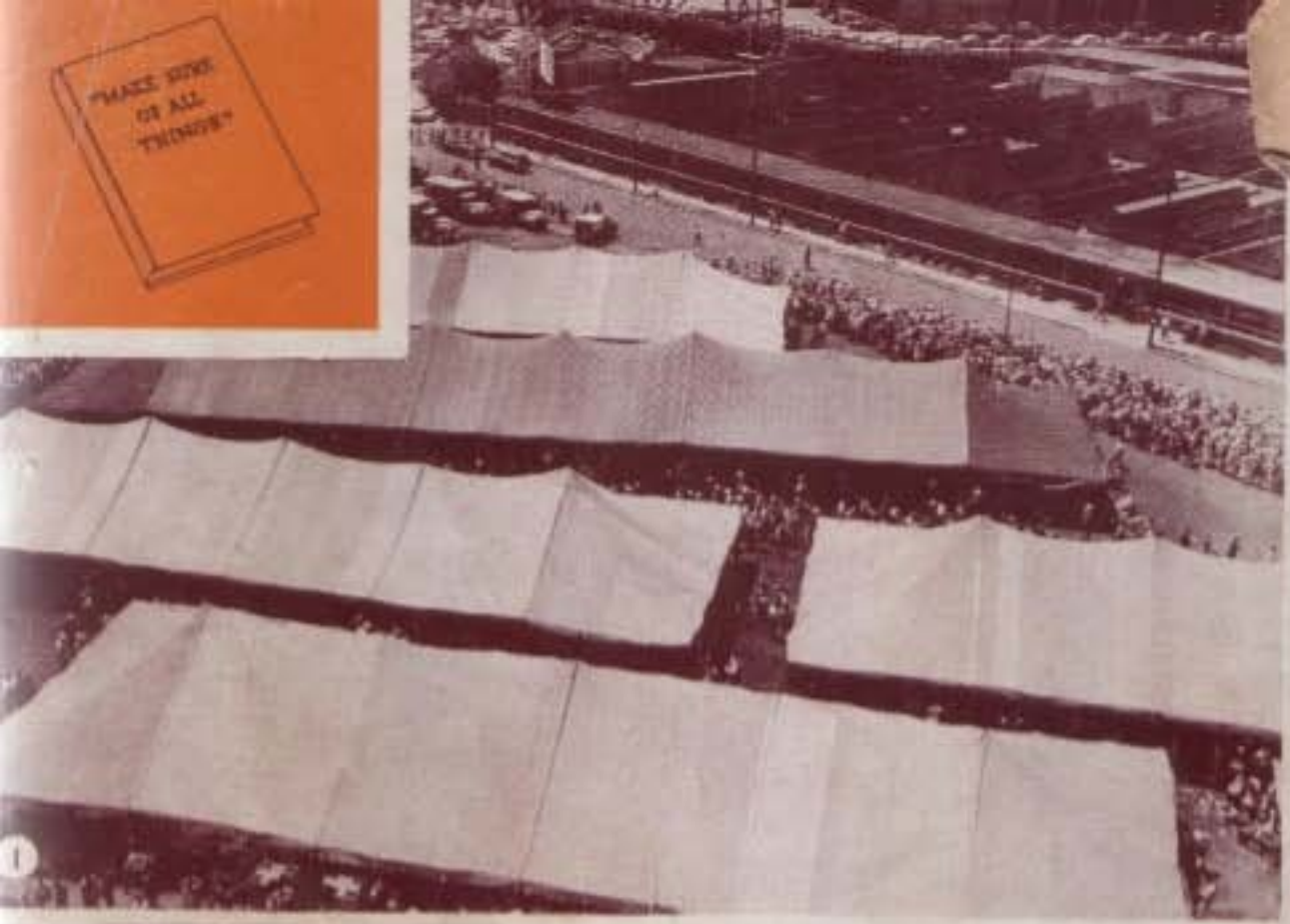
Sepos and his assistant D. Ryan had the highest praise for stadium officials and for the New York Sanitation department. "We've worked so long together they have started calling us brothers too."

ATTENDANCE CHART

Comparing this assembly with the one in 1950

1953		Stadium	Overflow	Trailer City	Total	1950 Peak	Increase over 1950
Sunday,	A. M.	77,140	5,721	29,445	112,306		
First Day	Aft.	77,634	18,007	30,746	126,387	79,274	47,113
	Eve.	70,863	6,157	27,500	104,520		
Monday,	A. M.	(Foreign meetings)			2,999*		
Second Day	Aft.	71,770	13,270	40,000	125,040	75,096	49,944
	Eve.	67,092	7,619	41,490	116,201		
Tuesday,	A. M.	(Foreign meetings)			5,700*		
Third Day	Aft.	69,434	12,394	43,764	125,592	84,950	40,642
	Eve.	64,963	10,546	45,000	120,509		
Wednesday,	A. M.	61,411	9,905	31,436	102,752		
Fourth Day	Aft.	76,186	14,479	42,146	132,811	82,075	50,736
	Eve.	67,386	10,281	43,000	120,667		
Thursday,	A. M.	(Foreign meetings)			5,524*		
Fifth Day	Aft.	42,110	2,737	42,000	86,847		
	Eve.	62,186	6,554	43,960	112,700	63,411	49,289
Friday,	A. M.	(Foreign meetings)			6,019*		
Sixth Day	Aft.	68,448	12,600	39,629	120,677		
	Eve.	70,096	10,752	43,302	124,150	81,776	42,374
Saturday,	A. M.	47,680	6,559	39,253	93,492		
Seventh Day	Aft.	71,511	19,318	43,504	134,333	89,451	44,882
	Eve.	59,023	10,560	44,000	113,583		
Sunday,	A. M.	72,469	14,368	44,582	131,419		
Eighth Day	Aft.	91,562	25,240	49,027	165,829	123,707	42,125
	Eve.	66,819	19,131	46,000	131,950		

* For breakdown of foreign meeting attendance, see page 43.



1. Overflow tents
2. Trailer City
3. Public talk audience